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ABERDEEN COUNCIL SUSPENDS IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER PLANT SITE

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ABERDEEN, Ohio | A loud argument broke out Friday between two council members during discussion to temporarily stop progress on the water plant until land can be purchased by the village.

The village had an option to buy a tract of land for the water plant, but it expired Nov. 16, said

Mayor Harry Foxworthy during the special Aberdeen council meeting Friday evening.

Councilmember Joe Sprague said he was concerned about spending money on improvements to land the village does not own.

He asked for a vote to stop any more money from being spent on improvements to the land until the land is purchased by the village.

Applegate later asked if any council members knew who owns the land.

Foxworthy said, "I don't have a clue who owns the land."

Councilmember Billie Eitel said no one would build a house

Councilmember Jerry Applegate said Artesian, which is the engineer company coordinating the new wells and plans for the water plant, is in the process of buying the land.

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on someone else's property. She also said it is not Artesian who will buy the land, but the village.

During most of this discussion Councilmember Jay Castle repeatedly muttered, "idiots" and said the village solicitor should be present to advise if the decision to suspend the spending of money on improvements to the land was needed.

Councilmember Jason Phillips turned to Castle, who was sitting

beside him, and said if Castle called him an idiot again he was going to take him out.

"That is not a threat, that is a promise," Phillips said.

Eitel, Phillips, Sprague and Councilmember Bob Verville voted to stop making improvements on the water plant site until the land can be purchased by the village.

Applegate and Castle voted against stopping improvements.

MANCHESTER



DILLON RAINES

Teen is always on alert

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MANCHESTER, Ohio | Cadet firefighter and amateur meteorologist Dillon Raines is known to his friends around the Manchester Firehouse as the "Weather Man."

"I like being called the weather man. I am fascinated by the weather," said Raines, 17.

"When I was a little kid, I was really scared of storms. As soon as I heard a thunderstorm, I was hiding under the bed. Then one day, my Mom says she saw me standing out in a storm ... now I love to study the weather," he said. Recently, he attended a weather spotting class instructed by the National Weather Service.

"I hope to take emergency medical classes next fall and meteorology in college if I can find a way to pay for tuition ... I'm still waiting to hear back about scholarships," Raines said.

He said learning more about the weather also led to a need to keep his family safe. So about a year ago, he started his own severe alert group, to let his friends and family know when bad weather was approaching.

"When I started texting people about weather or fire alerts I hoped I could give people an advanced heads up ... then they can prepare and it might save them from being injured or worse. It first started with just close friends and family. Then last year I started getting requests to tell others too. Now, there are 96 people involved, who text each other when severe weather is spotted. Raines encourages local people to join his group by searching on Facebook for Dillon Raines Weather Alerts.

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TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

Lawyer for Afghan killings suspect to visit him

EN ROUTE TO KANSAS TO VISIT WITH CLIENT TODAY



GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

ROBERT BALES

SEATTLE | With formal charges looming against his client within days, the lawyer for an Army sergeant suspected in the horrific nighttime slaughter of 16 Afghan villagers was flying Sunday to Kansas and preparing for his first face-to-face meeting with the 10-year

veteran.

John Henry Browne of Seattle said he planned to meet Monday with Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who is being held in an isolated cell at Fort Leavenworth's military prison.

Bales, 38, hasn't been charged in the March 11 shootings, which have endangered relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan and threaten

to upend U.S. policy over the decade-old war. But formal charges are expected to be filed within a week and if the case goes to court the trial will be held in the United States, said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation.

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TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

GAME OF HORSE | Sunday's weather proved to be a great time to get out and play a game of horse. Ten-year-old Jacob Werline takes his shot as his brother, Joshua Werline, Blake McKibben and Christopher Grier wait for their turns.



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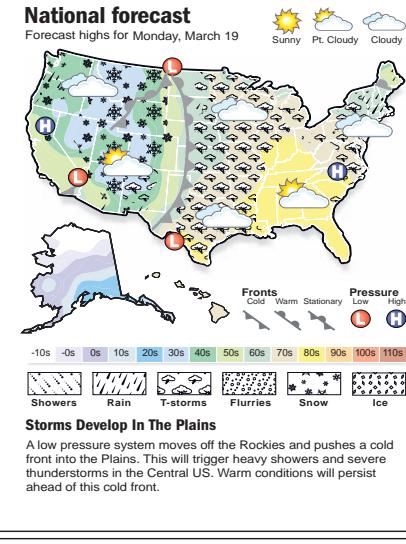
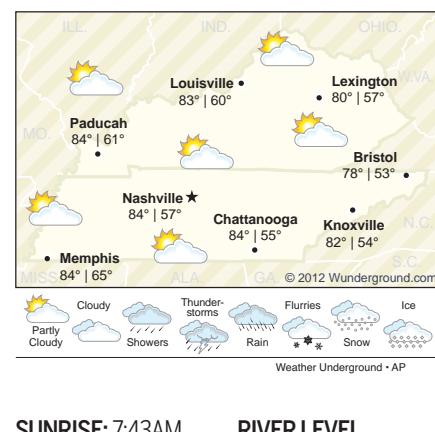
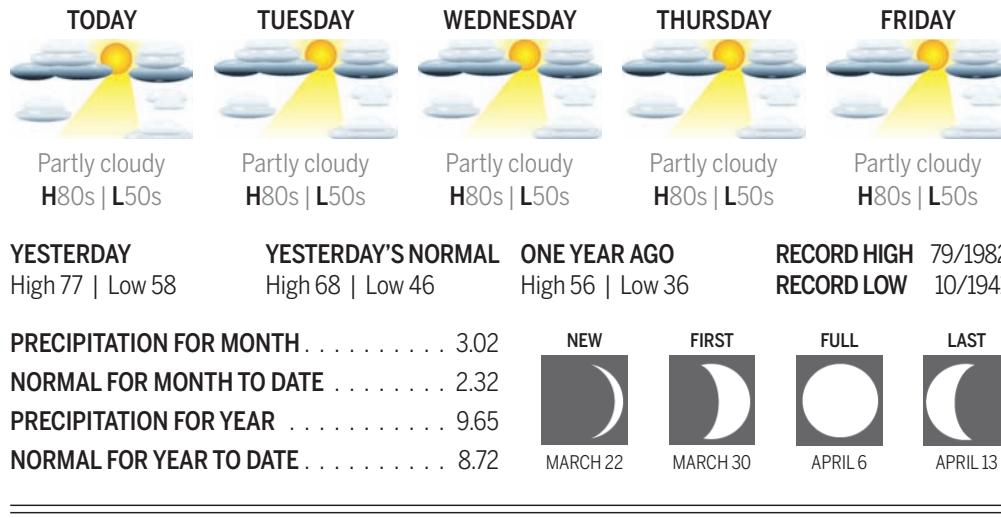
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RAINES

FROM A1

"Mostly it is me texting, because I am always keeping watch, online and outside. I guess you could say, I have a passion for the weather ... I like helping people. I grew up that way. That is what I love most about living here. Everyone tries to help each other," he said.

"Friday (March 2), before the storm I sent over 400 messages ... I had an eerie feeling about that one. I had been driving, but at 3:45 (p.m.) I stopped at a friend's house, so I could see the storm on their TV. I knew they would have it on. I started

texting about the severe weather moving into the tri-state ... it looked bad," he said.

The day after the tornadoes tore through Adams County, Raines was out tromping through the woods with James Noel, a National Weather Service meteorologist and Karen Sap, county director of the Emergency Management Agency.

He was learning about his favorite subject, up close and personal. This time the power and the devastation Mother Nature can wield. And he was witnessing another kind of power, of neighbors working and helping each other, he said.

"That's the way it is here. This is bad. But the

people in Adams County are stronger than any storm," Raines said.

Sap, said, "He is our future. We need to find a way to get more young people like him involved. Dillon is a real weather buff. I wanted to get him out here and see the actual tornado damage and let him talk to the National Weather Service."

"He is enthusiastic. I know I got an early start like that. And meteorology can be a very rewarding career," Noel said.

Raines said he would also like to take emergency medical technician classes along with going to college to be a meteorologist.

"I could get my EMT certification, then save my money for a couple

years and try to have a backup savings before I would go into college for meteorology, and then if something happens, I have something to fall back on, with the economy being so tight," Raines said. He is still waiting to hear from scholarships he applied for, he said.

He said he grew up around people who believe in helping neighbors. His father, Larry Johnson is a firefighter for West Union Fire Department.

"I grew up at West Union firehouse. Every weekend when I went with my dad, I would be in the trucks pretending to be a fireman. And now on July 1, when I turn 18, I will obtain the volunteer fire fighting card," he said.

He is also a senior at Manchester High School. He spends a lot of time at the Manchester Fire Department where he is in the cadet program.

"Dillon is a very energetic cadet. He started couple years ago ... a real go-getter. The fire training he took at Hocking College is the beginning steps. So when he turns 18 he will become a state certified firefighter. That means, his next step will be to attend a live burn training," Chief Rick Bowman of Manchester Fire Department said.

Raines said he is always conscious about safety and recommends a storm emergency kit, which includes a bicycle helmet, bottled water, flashlight, batteries, an all hazard

weather radio, and all important records in a fire-safe box, Raines said.

"People need to pay attention to the warning alerts, when they are issued and pay attention to the weather surrounding them because it can change in a flash, as we found out. Tornadoes one day, and snow the next day," Raines said.

"I am glad to be alerting almost 100 people in Adams, Brown, Scioto counties in Ohio and Mason County in Kentucky. This spring looks to be very active and I plan to continue sending alerts and helping to my best of my ability. Check my weather alert page frequently ... during intense situations and stay alert," he said.

SUSPECT

FROM A1

That expert said charges were still being decided and that the location for any trial had not yet been determined. If the suspect is brought to trial, it is possible that Afghan witnesses and victims would be flown to the United States to participate, he said.

Military lawyers say once attorneys involved in the initial investigation of an alleged crime involv-

ing a service member have what they believe to be a solid understanding of what happened and are satisfied with the evidence collected, they draft charges and present them to a commander. That person then makes a judgment on whether there is probable cause to believe that an offense was committed and that the accused committed it.

That commander then "prefers" the charges to a convening authority, who typically is the commander of the brigade to which the accused is assigned but

could be of higher rank. Bales' defense team said in a statement late Saturday that "it is too early to determine what factors may have played into this incident and the defense team looks forward to reviewing the evidence, examining all of Sergeant Bales' medical and personnel records, and interviewing witnesses."

The lawyers' statement also said that Bales' family was "stunned in the face of this tragedy, but they stand behind the man they know as a devoted husband, father and dedicated member of the armed ser-

vices."

Military officials have said that Bales, after drinking on a southern Afghanistan base, crept away March 11 to two slumbering villages overnight, shooting his victims and setting many of them on fire. Nine of the 16 killed were children and 11 belonged to one family.

Court records and interviews in recent days have revealed that Bales had a string of commendations for good conduct after four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. But he also faced a number of troubles in recent years: a Florida

investment job went sour, his Seattle-area home was condemned as he struggled to make payments on another, and he failed to get a recent promotion.

Legal troubles included charges that he assaulted a girlfriend and, in a hit-and-run accident, ran bleeding in military clothes into the woods, court records show. He told police he fell asleep at the wheel and paid a fine to get the charges dismissed, the records show.

Browne, 65, has represented clients ranging from serial killer Ted Bundy to Colton Harris-

Moore, known as the "Barefoot Bandit." He has said he has only handled three or four military cases. Bales will also have at least one military lawyer.

Tall and stylish, Browne has been a prominent figure in Washington state legal circles since the 1970s, known equally for his zeal in representing his clients and his flair before television cameras.

Also contributing were Associated Press writers Manuel Valdes in Seattle and Deb Riechmann in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Beshear takes state plane to SEC tournament

FRANKFORT | The Lexington Herald-Leader reports Gov. Steve Beshear used a state plane to go to the Southeastern Conference basketball tourna-

ment in New Orleans on March 9 and to take first lady Jane Beshear to Florida to visit friends.

Beshear spokeswoman Kerri Richardson said the Kentucky Democratic Party will pay for the governor's travel because Beshear "participated in some Democratic Party activities" during the trip.

Richardson did not know the cost because the Democratic governor has not yet received an invoice.

State Republican Party

chairman Steve Robertson said personal use of state property was not appropriate. He noted that the governor used a state plane last April to take his family to the NCAA Final Four in Houston.

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FACE-OFF | Two blue jays get competitive over bird seed. The pair was spotted in Georgetown, Ohio.

TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS TO RECONSIDER BEAR CHASING

HUNTERS CONVINCE WILDLIFE OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT SEASON FOR CHASING BEARS

ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT | Hunters have persuaded the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission to take another look at a proposal to set aside a week each year for shooting a limited number

of bears that dogs have chased up trees or cornered on the ground.

Wildlife officials decided to scrap that proposal two weeks ago after the Humane Society of the United States criticized the practice as cruel and unsporting. Now, it's back be-

cause of the dogged determination of devotees to a hunting method that has thrived in America since colonial days.

The wildlife commission is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. EDT on Monday to reconsider the earlier decision so that the hunters, known as hounds-

men, would have about four weeks set aside each year to chase bears with dogs and to allow them shoot some of the bears during one of those weeks.

"It is a powerful lobby," said Democratic political strategist Danny Briscoe. "It's not galvanized often, but, when it is, it is incredibly strong."

See BEARS, A4

Fort Knox loosening access restrictions

TESTING NEW SYSTEM THAT WOULD INCREASE ACCESS

Associated Press

FORT KNOX | Final testing is being done on a system that would loosen access restrictions at Fort Knox.

Garrison Commander Col. Bruce Jenkins told The News-Enterprise that the system known as Allstar could be up and running at the central Kentucky post by Memorial Day weekend.

He says the system would allow guards at entrance gates to sift out fugitives or others with criminal records with a simple scan of a driver's license.

The process would take a couple of minutes compared to the 10 to 15 minutes it takes now for visitors to get through the gates.

Army installations across the nation limited access to visitors after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

At first, visitors to Fort Knox had to register their vehicles before they could get on post.

The post moved away from that, but asked visitors to get passes before entering, which required filling out paperwork and providing documentation. Now, guards are reviewing licenses of anyone coming on post.

Jenkins said the installation belongs to taxpayers and they should have easy access to it as long as they aren't a threat.

"This is truly a community treasure," he said.

The looser restrictions will make it easier for visitors to drive on post, look around, and take advantage of businesses and recreational activities.

Officials are also trying to make the post more visitor-friendly.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pictured is the Old Arnett Tobacco Barn in Calloway County. The site of the barn has been recognized as a Kentucky Landmark for its cultural and historic significance to western Kentucky's tobacco industry.

Tobacco barn deemed a landmark

KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL DESIGNATES CALLOWAY COUNTY TOBACCO BARN A LANDMARK

Associated Press

MURRAY | The Kentucky Heritage Council has recognized a tobacco barn in western Kentucky as a landmark in the area.

Built in the 1880s, the log frame barn was part of the Arnett Farm in southwest Calloway County. A descendent of the family, Sam Arnett, told the Murray Leger &

Times that he sought historic recognition for the barn as a way to signify the cultural importance of tobacco in the region.

Arnett worked in tobacco fields while growing up in the 1980s and 90s alongside families who have been in the industry for hundreds of years, he said.

See HERITAGE, A4

Region mobilizes to ensure 3rd-graders read well before failure becomes a pattern

JESSICA BROWN

Associated Press

NEWPORT | More than 70 organizations in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky are teaming up on a national effort to improve third-grade reading levels.

The eight-year initiative includes seven counties and 10 school districts. It's one of the broadest such efforts ever undertaken, organizers said.

Its goal is to have 100 percent of children in this region reading successfully by the end of third grade by 2020.

The groups are taking on this issue because third-grade reading is a problem here, they say. And failing to address it has

huge consequences.

Locally, third-grade reading rates have gone up by about 2.5 percent a year for the past five years.

But last school year, 29 percent of Cincinnati Public Schools students and 36 percent of Newport Independent Schools students were not proficient in reading by fourth grade. For Covington Independent Schools that number rose to 50 percent, according to state statistics.

Students who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school,

See READING, A4

2 DIE IN HOUSE FIRE IN WESTERN KY.

MAYFIELD | An official says two people have died and one was injured in a house fire in western Kentucky.

Mayfield Fire Detective Lt. Brent Farmer told WPSD-TV on Sunday morning that an adult male and female were killed in the blaze.

A third adult, who was male, was taken to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. His condition wasn't immediately known.

Identities haven't been released pending notification of kin. — AP

ANOTHER DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS

FRANKFORT | Another disaster recovery center has opened in eastern Kentucky.

The center in Inez opened Sunday for people who had property damage or other hardships from severe storms and tornadoes that passed through the area on Feb. 29-March 3.

Representatives from several agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and Kentucky State Unemployment Services are at the center to give resident information about disaster assistance programs and to help them apply for aid.

Disaster recovery centers are also open in the counties of Johnson, Magoffin, Kenton, Menifee, Laurel, Morgan, Lawrence and Pendleton.

— AP

FUNERAL HELD FOR MISSING OHIO RUNAWAY FOUND DEAD

LIMA, Ohio | Relatives of a 14-year-old Ohio runaway who went missing in 1999 have held a funeral for her, a month after her remains were found.

Authorities in Lima had said Nicholle Coppler was last seen at the home of a man suspected in her death. Her remains were found last month in a crawl space as the home's foundation was being dug out.

The Lima News reports Coppler's funeral was Saturday. The Rev. Richard Hart recalled Coppler as a good girl who loved cheerleading and stuffed animals.

Lima police say they're trying to get to the truth about Coppler's death and whether more than one person was involved. The newspaper says the homeowner and suspect, Glen Fryer, killed himself in 2002 while awaiting sentencing for raping a girl. — AP

OHIO WIND PROJECT FACES HURDLES AFTER COURT RULING

URBANA, Ohio | A project that would build at least 54 wind turbines in southwest Ohio faces hurdles despite a recent Ohio Supreme Court ruling in its favor.

The court this month essentially validated regulators' approval of the Champaign County project. The Springfield News-Sun reports that the \$20 million Buckeye Wind project now must work through issues including taxes and roads. The company in charge of Buckeye Wind says tax abatement is needed for it to continue.

County officials welcome the revenue that could be generated for the county, townships and school districts. But some are concerned about property values and county responsibilities if the project fails.

Buckeye Wind says conditions set by the Ohio Power Siting Board protect the public. — AP

KY. AIR GUARD UNITS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS

LOUISVILLE | Three Kentucky Air National Guard units have received prestigious awards for their service.

The awards were given out Sunday during a ceremony at a Louisville Air Base hangar.

Richard Reed, special assistant to President Barack Obama, bestowed the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 123rd Airlift Wings. — AP

BEARS

FROM A3

The bear issue pitted hunters against the Humane Society in the latest of a long line of face-offs over the years.

In this case, the hunters had two key legislative allies in Republican state Rep. Tommy Turner of Somerset and Democratic state Rep. Johnny Bell of Glasgow. Both are keen political strategists who happen to serve as co-chairmen of the influential House Sportsmen Caucus and who both hunt with hounds.

However, Turner and Bell take no credit for the wildlife commission's change of heart.

"I think they saw the error of their way," Bell said. "It just didn't make a lot of sense to us that they opposed it to begin with. I don't know who got to them, but it seems like somebody put some pressure somewhere."

Turner said the wildlife commission simply needed to be better educated on the issue.

"There had been some misunderstanding, and we've worked through some of those concerns," Turner said. "I think we've got an agreement that we're all going to be OK with."

Wildlife Commissioner Chris Godby said it was

facts, not political pressure, that brought the issue back for a second look.

"We just had some concerns that hopefully we've taken care of," Godby said.

The proposal up for consideration Monday would allow houndsmen to chase bears for some three weeks in August and again for a week in December. The number of bears that could be shot by the houndsmen depends on how many bears are killed during the regular December hunting season.

The state allows a quota of 10 bears to be killed by traditional gun hunters, but they have never gotten that many. The proposal would allow houndsmen to finish the quota. So, if gun hunters killed only four bears, as they did last year, the houndsmen could kill up to six.

Wildlife officials had mixed that in the March 5 meeting, allowing instead for the houndsmen to use their dogs to chase bears for only one week, but not shoot them.

"It is obvious that a few legislators are pushing the commission to reconsider their sound decision on behalf of a small group of individuals," said Pamela Rogers, Kentucky director for the Humane Society. "The commission already made its decision based on the best available science, and balancing the interests between hound hunters

and the rest of the public. We shouldn't let backroom politics get in the way of management decisions."

Three of the wildlife commissioners who originally voted against the chase season, including Godby, were appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear late last year and have yet to be confirmed by the Senate. Senate Majority Floor Leader Robert Stivers II, R-Manchester, said those confirmations will soon come up for review. Stivers, who also serves as chairman of the Senate Republicans' Sportsmen Caucus, said he has been concerned about complaints he's received from hunters about the commission's initial decision.

Godby said the pending confirmations had nothing to do with the commission reconsidering the issue.

"You're on this board to make the best decisions," Godby said. "That's why we got appointed. I don't think anybody's going to throw you off for political reasons because you made a decision somebody didn't like. That's never entered my mind."

If the commission approves the proposal, houndsmen could use their dogs to chase bears in three locations — a 45,000-acre tract in Harlan County, a 43,000-acre tract in Bell County and a 20,000-acre tract in Letcher County.

State wildlife biologist

Steven Dobey said the commission opted to expand the chase seasons after concerns were resolved about the areas where the chases would occur.

Kentucky would be among fewer than 20 states that allow hunters to chase bears with dogs.

More than a century ago, bears thrived in Kentucky's mountain region, but over-hunting and habitat loss led to their disappearance. Over the past 20 years, they have ventured back into Kentucky from other states.

The Humane Society had called for the wildlife commission to reject the proposal to allow "hounding" bears, calling it "unsporting to chase down animals with packs of dogs."

Rogers said the Humane Society would have preferred that the wildlife commission not allow even a brief chase season.

For some five years, the hunters have been pressing state wildlife officials to approve a chase season for bears in the state's Appalachian region. There, some of the animals have been raiding garbage cans, eating from back porch pet food bowls, and, in one instance, mauled a tourist in the Red River Gorge.

"Some of these bears need to be chased to instill some fear in them," Turner said. "And other states are doing it already. Why not do it here?"

HERITAGE

FROM A3

Steve Goodman, the artist's son, said the original painting is hanging in his house. He also has memories of helping his family hang dark-fired tobacco in the barn to cure.

"When you're raised up around here, and have been around tobacco, you'll smell the tobacco smoke in the fall and know that winter is at hand," said Goodman.

Arnett says he'd like to raise enough money to place a marker next to the barn and hopes to work with the current owner to restore the structure.

"The Arnett barn is just a barn ... but it does signify other tobacco growers and what they've contributed to the culture of tobacco growing and the culture of western Kentucky," Arnett said.

FORT KNOX

FROM A3

"smart" kiosks will be installed where visitors can get information about post facilities.

The post is also in the midst of constructing a multi-purpose Astro-turf field next to the new Warrior Transition Complex. Jenkins said the field is primarily for wounded warriors but community and high school teams will also be able to use it.

READING

FROM A3

according to a 2011 study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The worst readers are nearly six times more likely to drop out. Poverty compounds the problem.

In Cincinnati Public schools, only 64.7 percent of low-income students are proficient in third-grade reading compared to 86.3 percent of all other students.

"We all believe that kindergarten readiness and third grade reading are the single most important factors to getting a child to graduate from high school," said Robert Reifsnyder, president and CEO of United Way. The United Way has been focusing on those two issues for over a year.

Third grade is a critical milestone. Studies show that up through the end of third grade, kids are learning to read. After third grade they're expected to read to learn. If they can't

read well, they start falling behind.

"We really feel that it's absolutely critical to build community will around the importance of getting kids prepared for kindergarten and getting them to know how critical reading is and build reading skills," he said. "Those skills stay with you for the rest of your life. And if you don't have them early, you get behind early."

Campaign for third grade reading

The regional effort is spearheaded by the Strive

Partnership, which works with Cincinnati, Covington and Newport school districts, and the Northern Kentucky Education Council which focuses on six Kentucky counties.

The effort, dubbed the Campaign for Early Grade-Level Reading, is part of a national focus on third-grade reading. It grew in response to the Casey Foundation report. More than 150 organizations nationwide are participating.

The groups will each submit multi-year plans to improve third-grade reading today for a national competition called the All American City Award. Winning could net organizational and financial support. Only 10 of the

150 applicants will win.

The plan by the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky coalition is one of the most far-reaching in terms of number of groups involved and kids impacted.

The coalition says it will pursue the plan with or without national help because it is so important to improving graduation rates and student success.

"With few exceptions, kids that are reading successfully by the end of the third grade — with that success carried through the fourth grade — will in fact graduate from high school and do very well, whether they immediately enter a career or go on to pursue some form of college," said Greg Landsman, executive director of

the Strive Partnership.

He said the grade-level reading campaign "will create perhaps the most robust talent pipeline in the country, unlocking the limitless potential of each and every child in our region."

To meet the goal of 100 percent third-grade reading proficiency, the coalition will:

- target disadvantaged students and high-need schools
- work regionally in three areas: kindergarten readiness, attendance, and summer learning
- expand volunteer efforts such as tutoring
- create a stronger focus in schools and communities on reading and attendance

MASON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Feb. 24, 2012

Steven A. Goins, 24, probation revoked.

Marlana M. Thurman, 32, first-degree trafficking controlled substance cocaine, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 23.

Ronnie Lee Anderson, 46, first-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree persistent felony offender, jury trial March 6.

Joy Wallingford, 44, two counts theft by unlawful taking, theft of controlled substance, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 23.

Augustus Richardson Wright Jr., 58, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, change of plea to guilty, sentencing April 13.

Brandon Lee Grannis, 31, first-degree assault, two counts wanton endangerment, DUI second offense, failed to appear, bench warrant.

Stanley R. Chinn, 21, first-degree burglary, two counts theft by unlawful taking firearm, change of plea to guilty, sentencing March 23.

Terry Lee Lennex, 52, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, second-degree possession controlled substance, DUI, disregarding stop sign, jury trial April 25.

Jason A. O'Cull, 27, flagrant non support, guilty plea, sentencing April 13.

Joseph Jackson, 61, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, guilty plea, sentencing April 13.

Jamie L. Asbury, 29, theft by unlawful taking, guilty plea, sentencing April 13.

John Ray Baker, 59, shock probation hearing, granted.

Angela Marie Smith, two counts false statement to receive benefits over \$100, motion to revoke probation, active bench warrant.

Melissa Ann Walker, 43, shock probation hearing, under advisement.

Scott Allen Mingee, motion to revoke probation, active bench warrant.

Eric Edward McNutt, 33, shock probation hearing, denied.

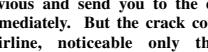
Steve Goodman, the artist's son, said the original painting is hanging in his house. He also has memories of helping his family hang dark-fired tobacco in the barn to cure.

"When you're raised up around here, and have been around tobacco, you'll smell the tobacco smoke in the fall and know that winter is at hand," said Goodman.

Arnett says he'd like to raise enough money to place a marker next to the barn and hopes to work with the current owner to restore the structure.

"The Arnett barn is just a barn ... but it does signify other tobacco growers and what they've contributed to the culture of tobacco growing and the culture of western Kentucky," Arnett said.

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FUNERAL SERVICES

TODAY

Dan Hedges – 1 p.m., Robertson County Funeral Home, Mount Olivet.

Leo Hunt – 1 p.m., Mount Carmel Christian Church, Mount Carmel.

TUESDAY

James Allen Finch – 1 p.m., Denton-Workman Funeral Home, Flemingsburg.

Natelene Griffey – 1 p.m., Knox and Brothers

Funeral Home, Maysville.

WEDNESDAY

Alva Knechly – 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

DEATHS LOCALLY

MR. FINCH

FLEMINGSBURG | James Allen Finch, 54, of Berea, formerly of Tilton, passed away Friday night after a battle with cancer, at St. Joseph Hospital Mount Sterling.

Finch was a truck driver for several different companies over the years.

He was the son of Dorothy McKee Finch of Tilton and the late Gilba Finch.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sherrie Byrd Finch of Berea; seven daughters, Chasity (Matthew Brooks) Conner, Amanda (Nathan) Johnson, both of Flemingsburg, Jessica Finch of Manchester, Ohio, Leslie Finch of Tilton, Angelica (Stanley) Dailey of Bath County, Brittany Ritchie of Carlisle, and Ashley (Mike) Crowe of Berea; two sisters, Callie (Ralph) Sapp of Tilton and Deloris (Ronnie) Livin-good of Nicholas County; 12 grandchildren; and one niece.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m., at Denton-Workman Funeral Home with Brother Billy Harmon and Bro. Mike Ishmael officiating.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Longview Cemetery, Bethel.

Donations may be made to Peoples Bank of Fleming County to help with funeral expenses and also to go to Cancer Care Club.

MRS. GRIFFEY

MAYSVILLE | Natelene Joyce Griffey of Highland Hollow died Friday, March 16, 2012, at the UK Markey Cancer Center in Lexington.

She was the widow of John William Griffey who died Dec. 31, 2003.

Mrs. Griffey was born in Maysville, on Dec. 26, 1947, the daughter of the late Arthur and Marcella Gulley Hankins.

She formerly worked at Maysville Extended Care and for Walmart while residing in Florida and Texas.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff Griffey (Lisa) of Maysville and Michael Griffey (Barbara) of Spring, Texas; five grandchildren, Ashley Nacol Griffey, Matthew Tyler Griffey, Colton Griffey, Brianna Griffey and Megan Griffey; two sisters, Brenda Campbell of Georgetown, Ohio, and Debbie Whicker of Maysville.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Roger Hanks; and one sister, Linda Berry.

Services for Natelene Griffey will be held at the Knox and Brothers Funeral Home at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Burial will be in the Maysville Cemetery. Pall-bearers will be John Whicker, Brian Watson, Chad Watson, Colton Griffey,

TUESDAY

James Allen Finch – 1 p.m., Denton-Workman Funeral Home, Flemingsburg.

Natelene Griffey – 1 p.m., Knox and Brothers

Funeral Home, Maysville.

WEDNESDAY

Alva Knechly – 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

John Demjanjuk, convicted death camp guard, dies

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN | John Demjanjuk was convicted of being a low-ranking guard at the Sobibor death camp, but his 35-year fight on three continents to clear his name – a legal battle that had not yet ended when he died Saturday at age 91 – made him one of the best-known faces of Nazi prosecutions.

The conviction of the retired Ohio autoworker in a Munich court in May on 28,600 counts of being an accessory to murder, which was still being appealed, broke new legal ground in Germany as the first time someone was convicted solely on the basis of serving as a camp guard, with no evidence of involvement in a specific killing.

It has opened the floodgates to hundreds of new investigations

in Germany, though his death serves as a reminder that time is running out for prosecutors.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk steadfastly maintained that he had been mistaken for someone else – first wounded as a Soviet soldier fighting German forces, then captured and held as a prisoner of war under brutal conditions.

And he is probably best known as someone he was not: the notoriously brutal guard "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka extermination camp.

That was the first accusation against him, which led to him being extradited from the U.S. to Israel in the 1980s.

He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death –

only to have the Israeli Supreme Court unanimously overturn the verdict and return him to the U.S.

after it received evidence that another Ukrainian, not Demjanjuk, was that Nazi guard.

"He has become at least one of the faces" of the Holocaust, Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem.

"His case illustrates the principle that whenever even a very low-ranking Nazi criminal can be found and convicted, the importance is not in the sentence, not in the amount of time such a person may have to sit in jail ... the important thing is to bring the crime to the attention of the general public."

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KENTUCKY 87, IOWA STATE 71

Teague's 24 leads Kentucky over Iowa State

INDIANA NEXT FOR CATS IN SWEET 16

COLIN FLY
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE | Freshman Marquis Teague finally feels in step with Kentucky coach John Calipari's offense.

Now, he's taking the Wildcats to the South Regional semifinals in Atlanta, and maybe a lot farther than that.

Teague scored a career-high 24 points and top seed Kentucky put together another complete performance with a dominating second-half run in an 87-71 victory over Iowa State in the third round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday night.

"I didn't really care about scoring points. I just wanted to get my teammates involved and do whatever I needed to do to help my team win," said Teague, who added seven assists. "I was just trying to push the ball in transition and take whatever play they were going to give me. They gave me the layup a lot tonight."

Freshman Anthony Davis had 15 points and 12 rebounds, senior Darius Miller added 19 points and Doron Lamb finished with 16. The Wildcats (34-2) used a 20-2 burst to break away from a tie and next will face fourth-seeded Indiana on Friday.

Teague's role as point guard

has been one of the hardest on a team full of NBA talent. He's had to learn the position under Calipari and acknowledged earlier this year he worried so much about it he has had sleepless nights.

No more.

"I just was thinking too much. Trying to force shots up sometimes instead of the making the easy play," Teague said. "Coming out of high school I scored a lot of points, and that's what I was used to doing. But playing with guys like I'm playing with, you don't need to do that."

Not with a team that has this many playmakers.

Kentucky now gets another crack at the Hoosiers, who beat them on a last-second 3-pointer by Christian Watford in December when the young 'Cats committed a defensive lapse that cost them on the final play.

"That was a rough day for us. Hate to lose any game but the way we lost, that just made it that much worse. Had to move on past that day," Teague said. "Guess we got 'em again. We just have to come out and play our hardest. We're not talking revenge or anything."

See TEAGUE, A8



TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
Kentucky senior Darius Miller celebrates with the three-point sign after draining a long-range shot during the Wildcats' 87-71 win against Iowa State in an NCAA tournament game on Saturday night in Louisville.

TRINITY 71, SCOTT COUNTY 53

Shamrocks dominate Cardinals for first title

MR. BASKETBALL CANDIDATE
DIEUDONNE HAS DOUBLE-DOUBLE

ZACK KLEMME
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LEXINGTON | Trinity started the season as most everyone's pick as the top boys' team in the state of Kentucky, but that didn't convince coach Mike Szabo, Nathan Dieudonne and the Shamrocks they could coast to the title.

A season's worth of what Dieudonne described as working to get better daily culminated in Trinity's first state title Saturday night as the Shamrocks lived up to the hype with a 71-53 beating of Scott County in Rupp Arena.

Dieudonne, named earlier in the week as a Mr. Basketball candidate, said it was more than just talent that carried Trinity to the title.

"I think coach Szabo really pushed us every day, letting us know that we're

not as good as we think we are," the Boston University signee said. "So I think every day (the mindset) was work hard, and it paid off at the end."

Charles Foster scored 18 points to lead Seventh Region champion Trinity (35-3), which lost to only one Kentucky opponent all year in Madison Central. Dieudonne scored 12 points and collected 12 boards, Darryl Hicks and Troy Paxton each scored 13, and James Quick scored 10.

The Cardinals' own Mr. Basketball candidate, Marshall signee Tamron Manning, scored 28 points — almost 53 percent of his team's total — to go along with Isaiah Ivey's 10 for 11th Region representative Scott County (34-5).

See SHAMROCKS, A7



BRAD KESELOWSKI
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Brad Keselowski dominates to win

HOLDS OFF KENSETH FOR FIRST WIN

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. | Brad Keselowski grabbed his first win of the season Sunday, holding off Matt Kenseth on a late restart to win at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Keselowski led a career-best and race-high 231 laps, but battled back and forth with Kenseth for the final third of the race. Kenseth beat him on an earlier restart, and Keselowski had to chase him down to reclaim the lead.

Then a late caution when Tony Stew-

art hit the wall put Keselowski's win in jeopardy.

"I've got no clue what to do here," he radioed his Penske Racing team.

Crew chief Paul Wolfe left him on the track, where he had to again deal with Kenseth on a restart with 17 laps remaining.

Keselowski had no problems holding him off, choosing to restart on the outside, and he easily pulled away for the victory.

See NASCAR, A7

CROWDER LEADS
MARQUETTE PAST
MURRAY STATE, 62-53

LOUISVILLE | It took a while for Jae Crowder and Marquette to get going.

When they finally did, however, Murray State's hopes of making its first trip to the regional semifinals never stood a chance.

Crowder scored six points during a decisive 14-2 run late in the second half, and No. 3 seed Marquette held on for a 62-53 victory that sends the Golden Eagles to the West Regional semifinals Thursday in Phoenix. Crowder finished with 17 points, 12 in the second half, and 13 rebounds, and Darius Johnson-Odom added 17 for Marquette (27-7).

Isaiah Canaan had 16 points for the sixth-seeded Racers (31-2), who fell just short of their first trip to the regional semifinals for the second time in three years. Jewuan Long added 12 points, and Ed Daniel tied a career high with 14 rebounds. — AP

NO. 2 SEED KENTUCKY
GETS BY MCNEESE
STATE 68-62

AMES, Iowa | Keyla Snowden scored 11 points, Azia Bishop added 10 and second-seeded Kentucky squeaked by McNeese State 68-62 in the opening round of the NCAA women's tournament Saturday.

SEC Player of the Year A'dia Mathies had just six points for the Wildcats (26-6), who struggled to put away the upset-minded Cowgirls until late in the second half.

McNeese State got within 63-57 on two free throws by Martika Hull with 40 seconds left, but the Cowgirls couldn't get any closer.

Caitlyn Baggett had 22 points and Hull scored 20 with 13 rebounds for No. 15 seed McNeese State (26-8), which forced the nation's leader in turnover margin to give the ball away 20 times. But the smaller Cowgirls were outrebounded 58-40 and couldn't pull off the upset. — AP

SULLINGER LEADS
BUCKEYES PAST GONZAGA

PITTSBURGH | Jared Sullinger scored 18 points, including two big baskets in the final 3 minutes to lead Ohio State past Gonzaga and into the round of 16 for the third straight year.

DeShaun Thomas also scored 18 for the Buckeyes (29-7), while Aaron Craft added 17 points and 10 assists.

Gary Bell Jr. led Gonzaga (26-7) with 18 points, but the Bulldogs were unable to become the third team to knock off a No. 2 seed in less than 24 hours.

Gonzaga erased a 10-point deficit to tie it at 61 on a 3-pointer by Elias Harris with 4:05 remaining, but Sullinger knocked down two pretty hook shots late while the Bulldogs went cold. — AP

ROLEN HOMERS IN REDS
LOSS TO D-BACKS

GOODYEAR, Ariz. | Chris Young hit two doubles to lead an Arizona Diamondbacks split squad to an 8-7 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Adam Eaton had a double and triple, driving in three runs for the Diamondbacks.

Left-hander Tyler Skaggs, the Diamondbacks top pitching prospect, allowed one run on two hits over three innings.

Scott Rolen hit a three-run opposite field home run.

The home run was encouraging for Cincinnati. Rolen's left shoulder is healthy after surgery.

He was limited to 65 games last season and hit five home runs in 2011 after hitting 20 in 2010.

Mike Leake allowed a run on two hits and a walk in four innings, his longest outing of the spring.

Rolen hit his first home run of the spring off Joe Pat-terson.

Arizona scored seven runs off Clay Zavada and Sam Le-Cure in the fifth inning. — AP

Cardinals hold off New Mexico for sixth win in a row

LOUISVILLE SURVIVES LATE LOBOS RALLY

ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORLTAND, Ore. | Louisville's late regular-season slide has turned into a postseason surge.

Russ Smith had 17 points as Louisville held off a late New Mexico rally 59-56 Saturday night for its sixth consecutive win, advancing to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2009.

The Cardinals lost three of their last four regular season games, then swept through the Big East Tournament with four straight wins. The No. 4 seed then beat Davidson in their opening tournament game before facing the fifth-seeded Lobos.

Coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals' Big East run was just what they needed.

See CARDINALS, A7

FREASE'S 25 POINTS LIFT XAVIER OVER LEHIGH 70-58

GREENSBORO, N.C. | Senior center Kenny Frease scored a career-high 25 points to go with 12 rebounds and Xavier knocked off upset-minded Lehigh 70-58 Sunday night to reach the round of 16 for the fourth time in five years.

Lehigh, which stunned No. 2 seed Duke on Friday, was looking to become the first 15 seed to make it to the regional semifinals. But the 7-foot Frease stood in the way.

He dominated in the paint, hitting 11 of 13 shots, and Tu Holloway was his normal productive self with 21 points as 10th-seeded Xavier (22-12) advanced to play No. 3 seed Baylor on Friday in the South Regional at Atlanta.

The Musketeers held C.J. McCollum, the nation's fifth-leading scorer, to 14 points on 5-of-22 shooting and overcame a 15-point first-half deficit. Mackey McKnight had 20 points for Lehigh (27-7), which tied a Patriot League record for wins in a season. — AP

NO. 13 SEED OHIO BEATS USF 62-56 IN NCAA TOURNEY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. | Walter Offutt scored 21 points, D.J. Cooper had 19 and No. 13 seed Ohio beat South Florida 62-56 on Sunday night to advance to the NCAA tournament's Midwest Regional semifinals.

The Bobcats (20-7) will play No. 1 seed North Carolina in their second trip to the regional semifinals.

Ohio trailed by two when Offutt swished a 3-pointer, launching a 10-0 run for the Bobcats.

A pair of free throws by Cooper made it 54-46 with 3:28 left.

Victor Rudd Jr. and Anthony Collins both scored 13 points for the Bulls (22-14). — AP

SHAM-ROCKS

FROM A6

Trinity shot 63.2 percent from the field. The Cardinals hit 48.5 percent of their field goal tries.

Manning notched 10 of his team's 12 first-quarter points as the Cardinals grabbed a 15-10 lead.

After that, the defensive-minded Shamrocks held the Cardinals without a field goal for nearly four minutes while closing the first half on a 21-5 run.

Dieudonne scored his first points of the game with 6:13 left in the half on two free throws, then

repeated the feat the next time down the floor. Foster drove the lane for Trinity's first lead at 16-15 before Manning tied the score with one charity toss.

The Shamrocks racked up back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers — the first from Saxton, the next two from Foster. Saxton later drove for a bucket with 40 seconds to go in the half after a Dieudonne offensive board for a 31-20 halftime lead.

Szabo said his team's defense during that spurt reassured him everything was "gonna be fine."

"These guys are so tough," he said. "They've got each other's back, really coachable, a special group. Really special."

Cardinals coach Billy Hicks similarly marveled at

the Shamrocks' defensive effort.

"They're really strong and quick, and they're really physical," he said. "I love the way they play."

The Shamrocks started the fourth frame on a 13-2 run to basically end it.

Dieudonne got the roll on a basket and converted an and-1 before two Ivey free throws. Darryl Hicks scored down low, then hit a 3. Foster added two free throws and Hicks drained a trey in the corner for a 62-38 Trinity lead with 4:55 left.

Dieudonne was named the tournament MVP and is now probably the frontrunner to win Mr. Basketball. When asked by a reporter if his senior star made a "statement," Szabo

said, "I think so. I hope so. If he didn't, I don't know what else he's gotta do."

Trinity, which became the first Kentucky school to win state football and boys' basketball titles in the same school year, finished the season on an 18-game winning streak. The Cardinals' 13-game win string ended.

Scott County 12 8 16 17 — 53

Trinity 10 21 18 22 — 71

SC: Manning 28, Ivey 10, Gilbert 6,

Richardson 5, Harris 2, Haddix 2, Bryant 0, Murray 0, Martini 0, Peterson 0, Short 0.

T: Foster 18, Hicks 13, Saxton 13,

Dieudonne 12, Quick 10, Thurman 3,

Perito 2, Ivory 0, Hepler 0, Rice 0, Owens 0, Strothman 0, Page 0, Total 71.

3-pointers: Trinity 9 (Hicks 3, Foster 2, Saxton 2, Dieudonne, Thurman), Scott County 4 (Manning 3, Richardson).

Records: Trinity 35-3, Scott County 34-5.

CARDINALS

FROM A6

"I'm really delighted, because I thought this team had a lot of limitations," he said. "I wanted to win that Big East tournament in the worst way because I knew their confidence would grow."

They'll need that boost next week when they face Michigan State at the West Regional semifinal in Columbus.

"It just feels good. Everybody really battled today," said Louisville guard Peyton Siva, who had a big group of family and friends from his hometown Seattle at the game. "It was a tough game, feels like a Big East game out there and man, they came out and played hard."

Held scoreless in the first half, Siva finished with six points and five

assists. Kyle Kuric and Chane Behanan each added 10 points.

Trailing 53-46, New Mexico's Drew Gordon hit a pair of free throws, and Demetrius Walker made a 3-pointer to pull to within 53-51 with 1:36 left. Smith made a pair of free throws for Louisville (28-9), but Gordon answered with a tip-in.

Gorgui Dieng dunked with 32.3 seconds left, and Siva added free throws to make it 59-53. Gordon dropped a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left, but it was too late for the Lobos (28-7), who have never been to the round of 16.

"I told the guys, you give us effort and defend, that's all I ever ask," New Mexico coach Steve Alford said. "If you have a night where you don't make shots, you've got to hope your defense and effort is enough. It wasn't quite enough tonight."

Gordon led the Lobos with 21 points and 14 rebounds, despite going down with what looked like a scary left knee injury late in the first half.

He came back a short time later with the knee wrapped.

"Felt like my life flashed before my eyes. I went up to try and block a shot, and AJ (Hardeman) was trying to take a charge," Gordon said. "So when I was going up he was going down and forced me back down and fell against my leg in an awkward position. I felt a couple of pops. But the doc checked me out and said I was OK."

But that wasn't enough to get past the Cardinals.

Siva came alive with

about five minutes into the second half, when he hit a layup and then made a stunning behind-the-back pass on the fast break to Kuric for the layup and a 38-29 lead. Smith padded

the lead with a quick steal and a layup, and Chris Smith knocked down a 3-pointer to complete a 13-2 run and put the Cardinals up 44-29.

The Lobos answered with an 8-0 run to come within 44-37. Smith's 3-pointer for Louisville briefly interrupted the rally, but Williams made a 3 and Gordon had a reverse slam dunk that drew gasps from the crowd to squeeze it to 49-44 with 6:32 left.

In a rollercoaster season, Louisville rose to No. 4 in the rankings in December before tumbling with five losses in seven games.

The Cardinals also lost three of four heading into the conference tournament.

But it appeared that something clicked when Louisville won four games in four nights, capped by a 50-44 victory over Cincinnati in the Big East championship game.

NASCAR

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He even taunted Wolfe over the final two laps, asking the crew chief twice to admit he was nervous about the outcome.

Wolfe had nothing to worry about, as Keselowski cruised his Dodge to Victory Lane and immediately began taking pictures with his phone to post to Twitter.

"Matt didn't make it easy," Keselowski said. "That's his job, to not make it easy on me. He raced me hard; I raced him hard, rubbed a little bit. That's good racing."

Kenseth, the Daytona 500 winner, settled for second in a Roush Fenway Racing Ford and wasn't sure if Keselowski electing to restart on the outside was the difference.

"If I'd have been on the top, maybe I could have pinned him down there," Kenseth said. "But on old tires, I knew he was going to choose the top."

The three Toyotas from Michael Waltrip Racing capped an impressive day by rounding out the top five — a feat that marked a strong return to racing for Brian Vickers.

Martin Truex Jr. led the MWR contingent with a third-place finish and was followed by Bowyer and Vickers, who ran his first race of the season. Out of work since Red Bull Rac-

ing closed at the end of last season, Vickers was tabbed last week to run six of the races that MWR driver Mark Martin sits out this season.

He had a strong debut race, leading a career-high 125 laps. In 14 previous races at Bristol, Vickers had led only one lap, never finished in the top 10 and ended on the lead lap only four times.

Jeff Burton was sixth in a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing and was followed by Earnhardt Ganassi Racing teammates Jamie McMurray and Juan Pablo Montoya.

Jimmie Johnson finished ninth in what is likely his last race for some time with crew chief Chad Knaus. Hendrick Motorsports goes before NASCAR's chief appellate officer Tuesday, trying to get Knaus' six-race suspension overturned.

NASCAR punished Knaus and the team because their Chevrolet failed the opening day inspection at last month's Daytona 500.

Paul Menard and Kevin Harvick finished 10th and 11th to give RCR three cars in the top 11. Harvick managed to pull off the finish despite damage sustained in a seven-car

accident 24 laps into the race.

The accident was caused when Kasey Kahne ran into Regan Smith after passing him, and it continued the horrendous

start to the season Kahne is having with Hendrick Motorsports. He finished 37th, and through four races Kahne is 32nd in points.

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49ers look like serious player in Manning pursuit

JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO | Jim Harbaugh coaching Peyton Manning. In the Bay Area, they're beginning to think about the possibility and believe it truly might happen.

A former NFL quarterback, Harbaugh worked wonders with Alex Smith in a matter of months for the NFC West champions, and now all signs point to the 49ers being a serious player in the Manning sweepstakes. Smith, who had a three-year offer on the table to return, traveled to Miami on Sunday to meet with the Dolphins.

"It's crazy," said 49ers running back Frank Gore, who has long been a big supporter of Smith. "I'm going to sit back and let them do their job. I'm sitting back and waiting for it to happen."

Everybody is eagerly anticipating decision day, likely this week.

If San Francisco doesn't sign Manning, the 49ers will have some serious relationship-building to do with Smith even after he developed a close relationship with Harbaugh. The Niners might even need to bump him up from the \$24 million he has reportedly been offered.

And there could be similar fallout in Tennessee and Denver if those teams don't land Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday. The four-time NFL MVP sat out the 2011 season and is trying to come back after he was released by Indianapolis following a string of neck surgeries.

For Smith, his visit to South Florida also could be a move by the 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick to protect himself with a possible backup plan. He and Manning are both represented by agent Tom Condon of CAA Sports.

"This is the NFL. I guess nothing surprises me anymore," Smith told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel upon arriving at the airport

Sunday. "I never thought a year ago (Peyton) Manning would be a free agent either. I'm never surprised by anything."

Harbaugh watched Manning work out last Tuesday at Duke, and now the former Colts star has held sessions for all three of the franchises believed to be the finalists to sign the biggest free agent of 2012. Only the 49ers are yet to publicly acknowledge their interest.

Manning worked out for Tennessee on Saturday in Knoxville, one day after he showed his skills to Hall of Famer John Elway and the Broncos at Duke.

While Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Greg Roman saw Manning last week and San Francisco emerged as a surprise contender to sign the 2007 Super Bowl-winning quarterback, it seems 49ers CEO Jed York and general manager Trent Baalke certainly would want to make their pitch to Manning in person, too.

Pulling off this one would be the second major splash by the 49ers' brass in as many offseasons.

In January 2011, York and Baalke wooed Harbaugh away from nearby Stanford on a \$25 million, five-year deal. And what a job Harbaugh did: San Francisco went 13-3 and ended an eight-year stretch without a playoff berth or winning record, losing 20-17 in overtime of the NFC title game to the eventual Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

If Smith leaves and Manning doesn't sign or were to get hurt, the 49ers would be left with unproven second-year pro Colin Kaepernick, but this is a team that isn't afraid to take chances when the reward could be huge. Just look at a two-day span for San Francisco last week. The 49ers signed Randy Moss on Monday and a day later cornerback Perrish Cox, who was acquitted earlier this month on sexual assault charges in Colorado.



In this March 11 file photo, NFL quarterback Peyton Manning leaves the Arizona Cardinals training facility after a five-hour meeting with coaches and front office staff in Tempe, Ariz. The San Francisco 49ers are among three finalists for Manning, along with the Denver Broncos and Tennessee Titans. San Francisco 49ers free agent quarterback Alex Smith is meeting with the Miami Dolphins, which could affect the Manning sweepstakes, The Associated Press reports Sunday.

Harbaugh has a knack for coaching anybody into a winner with his "Who's got it better than us? Nobody!" chants and other unorthodox motivational tactics — some of which he learned from his coaching father, Jack, and big brother and Baltimore Ravens coach John.

The NFL coach of the year last season, Harbaugh has to believe he'll have no problem coaching a veteran quarterback like Manning. The former Colt is among the greatest ever to play with 54,828 yards passing, 4,682 completions and 399 touchdown passes.

"He's a Hall of Famer, first ballot, that's all I got to say," Gore said of Manning. "He's one of the best ever to play the game. I'm going to sit back and let them do what they think is best."

If winning is more of a priority for Manning than

a big payday, the 49ers have put things in place over the past week. They signed Moss to a one-year deal, then brought back Pro Bowl cornerback Carlos Rogers on a \$31.3 million, four-year contract to give San Francisco 11 returning starters on Vic Fangio's talented defense. The 49ers then agreed to terms on a two-year contract with former Giants wideout Mario Manningham late Saturday.

"I know coach Harbaugh and Trent Baalke feel good about what they're doing," Gore said. "They know what they're doing."

Perhaps all of that is enough to attract Manning, despite the thought he would prefer to stay in the AFC and not have to regularly face off with his younger brother, Eli.

This year marks Manning's 15th in the NFL — the same number of seasons

Harbaugh spent in the league with the Bears, Colts, Ravens, Chargers and Panthers. A first-round draft pick taken 26th overall by Chicago in 1987, Harbaugh completed 2,305 of 3,918 passes for 26,288 career yards and 129 touchdowns in the NFL. He also ran for 18 TDs.

Elway, of course, also has quite the pedigree.

Perhaps Elway's pursuit of Manning might mean he doesn't have faith in Tim Tebow as the Broncos' QB for the future. Denver squeaked into the playoffs as AFC West champions on the final day of the regular season last year.

Titans owner Bud Adams declared earlier this month he wanted Manning and considers him the missing piece to a championship team. That might not sit too well with Matt Hasselbeck, who signed to a three-year

contract last July with Tennessee.

The pursuit of Manning has kept the Titans from addressing their defensive line early in free agency, one of their top needs. Mario Williams signed with Buffalo, John Abraham re-signed with Atlanta and Jason Jones left Tennessee for Seattle.

Other teams also might be behind in building their rosters because of the chase for No. 18.

The Dolphins and Arizona fell out of the running, and the Cardinals are moving ahead with quarterback Kevin Kolb.

Gore, who spends his offseason in Miami each year, isn't going to begin to guess what might happen next in the Manning story — and what it might mean for him next season.

"I don't know, man," he said. "I don't know."

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Among the players who have improved the most since then is Teague, often overshadowed and compared to Calipari's former floor leaders at Kentucky and Memphis, including John Wall, Brandon Knight, Derrick Rose and

Tyreke Evans.

"I brought him here because when I watched him play, I absolutely loved his game. He is a tough — I call him a pitbull," Calipari said. "Great athleticism, but a really smart floor game. Now, for us, he could score more, but why would you score more on this team as a point guard? But today, they really left him. I told him, look, you've got

to keep people honest."

So when Teague and Calipari talked before a first-half timeout, the coach was impressed

Teague recognized the defense was rolling off him, allowing him to cut to the basket.

"I told him you just created two unbelievable shots for your teammates. Now, just keep playing," Calipari said. "They were all focused."

Royce White, who almost transferred to Kentucky before settling in Ames, scored 23 points and had nine rebounds before fouling out with 4:32 left for Iowa State (23-11), which beat defending national champion Connecticut on Thursday night.

"We've got nothing to hang our head about. We got beat by the No. 1 overall seed that played an incredible game," Cyclones coach Fred Hoiberg said. "We're going to walk out of Lexington, I'm sorry, where are we? Louisville, with our head held high."

The Cyclones couldn't contend with Kentucky's overwhelming offense and smothering defense after rallying from a 12-point halftime deficit to 42-all with 16:23 left.

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Romney wins Puerto Rico, GOP campaign continues

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PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico | Mitt Romney scored an overwhelming win Sunday in Puerto Rico's Republican presidential primary, trouncing chief rival Rick Santorum on the Caribbean island even as the two rivals looked ahead to more competitive contests this week in Illinois and Louisiana.

The victory in the U.S. territory was so convincing that Romney, the GOP front-runner, won all 20 delegates to the national convention at stake because he prevailed with more than 50 percent of the vote. That padded his comfortable lead over Santorum in the race to amass the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

Nevertheless, the GOP nomination fight is unlikely to end anytime soon, with Santorum refusing to step aside even though Romney is pulling further ahead in the delegate hunt.

As the day began, Santorum claimed he was in contest for the long haul because Romney is a weak front-runner.

"This is a primary process where somebody had a huge advantage, huge money advantage, huge advantage of establishment support and he hasn't been able to close the deal and even come close to closing the deal," Santorum said. "That tells you that there's a real flaw there."

Yet, Santorum sidestepped when asked if he would fight Romney on the convention floor if he failed before August to stop the former Massachusetts governor from getting the required number of delegates.

Romney, in turn, ex-

pressed confidence that he'd prevail.

"I can't tell you exactly how the process is going to work," Romney said. "But I bet I'm going to become the nominee."

Both campaigned in Puerto Rico last week — in a campaign focused on statehood for the U.S. territory — but Romney cut short his trip so he could head to Illinois and Santorum spent Sunday in Louisiana. Illinois, a more moderate Midwestern state, votes Tuesday and is seen as more friendly territory for Romney, while Santorum is the favorite in the more conservative Southern state of Louisiana, which votes Saturday.

After the Puerto Rico victory, Romney had 521 delegates in his camp and Santorum had 253, according to The Associated Press' tally. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich trailed with 136 delegates and Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 50.

Enrique Melendez, the Republican representative on the Puerto Rican State Electoral Commission, told the AP that Romney "won the Puerto Rican primary by a huge margin and we are granting him the 20 delegates."

At this rate, Romney is on pace to capture the nomination in June unless Santorum or Gingrich is able to win decisively in the coming contests.

Both have said they would stay in the race and perhaps force the nomination to a fight at the GOP's convention in Tampa if Romney doesn't amass enough delegates to arrive with a mandate. That would turn the convention into an intra-party brawl for the first time since 1976.

Even as Santorum de-



STEVEN SENNE, ASSOCIATED PRESS
Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, right, greets people during a campaign stop Sunday in Moline, Ill.

clined to commit to forcing a brokered convention, his advisers were working behind the scenes on a plan to persuade convention delegates to switch candidates if the former Pennsylvania senator fails to derail Romney before that.

Romney's aides call this a fantasy scenario even as they try to prevent delegates from defecting.

Half of the states have yet to weigh in on a race with seemingly no end in sight anytime soon. That's prompted fresh speculation within the GOP over whether a contested convention is likely.

Republican National Chairman Reince Priebus insisted that party will have a nominee sooner rather than later.

"We're only at halftime," Priebus said. "I think that this process is going to play itself out. We will have a

nominee, I think, fairly soon — one, two months away."

In Puerto Rico, the race was focused on the issue of statehood, and Melendez said, "This proves Gov. Romney's electability and his ability to reach out to Hispanics and minorities."

Whether that's true or not, Romney told Puerto Ricans he would support statehood while Santorum said English would have to be the official language of the island if it were to join the United States — a statement that roiled residents.

"In Puerto Rico, we get along fine with both languages," said Francisco Rodriguez, a 76-year-old architect who supported Romney and hopes Puerto Rico becomes the nation's 51st state.

Even as Puerto Rico voted, Romney and Santorum traded barbs from afar. Romney made clear he didn't plan to exit the race anytime soon, saying in Bossier

"Sen. Santorum has the same economic lightweight background the president has," Romney told a crowd in Moline, Ill. He went a step further in Rockford, Ill., saying, "We're not going to replace an economic lightweight with another economic lightweight."

That drew a Santorum retort: "If Mitt Romney's an economic heavyweight, we're in trouble."

Aside from a pair of TV interviews, Santorum spent the day visiting a pair of churches in Louisiana, sharing how his faith has shaped his political career and his opposition to abortion rights and gay marriage. He didn't mention Romney or any of his other Republican opponents during talks at both churches.

He made clear he didn't plan to exit the race anytime soon, saying in Bossier

City, La., "One of the great blessings I've had in every political campaign is people underestimate me, people underestimate what God can do."

Yet, he was curt when asked about his odds in Illinois.

"Keep working," Santorum said after services there. "That's all we can do."

Santorum spoke with CNN's "State of the Union" and ABC's "This Week." Romney appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and Priebus was interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Elliott reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Andrew DeMillo in Bossier City, La., Steve Peoples in Moline, Ill., and Kasie Hunt in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contributed to this report.

Israelis agree with U.S. assessment: Iran hasn't decided on atom bomb

AMY TEIBEL
Associated Press

JERUSALEM | Despite sabre-rattling from Jerusalem, Israeli officials now agree with the U.S. assessment that Tehran has not yet decided on the actual construction of a nuclear bomb, according to senior Israeli government and defense figures.

Even so, there is great concern in Israel about leaving Iran "on the cusp" of a bomb — explaining why Israel continues to hint at a military attack on Iran's nuclear installations before it moves enough of them underground to protect them from Israel's bombs.

Israel's leaders have been charging in no uncertain terms for years that Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons. Though officials say they accept the more nuanced American view, they warn that it is just a matter of semantics, because an Iran on the verge of being able to build a bomb would still be a danger.

The United States is playing up its assessment that Iran has not made its final decision in a public campaign to persuade Israel to call off any attack plan and allow the increasingly harsh sanctions against Iran time to persuade Tehran to back down.

The concern — which is widely shared in Israel as part of a complex calculation — is of an Iranian retaliation that might spark regional conflict and send oil prices soaring, at a time when the world economy is already struggling and U.S. presidential elections loom.

Also in the equation are concerns about the ability of the Israeli home front to withstand a sustained barrage of Iranian missiles fired in retaliation. Iranian surrogates Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip could also bombard Israel with thousands of rockets, and U.S. troops in the Gulf region could also become targets.

Several senior Israeli officials who spoke in

recent days to The Associated Press said Israel has come around to the U.S. view that no final decision to build a bomb has been made by Iran. The officials, who are privy to intelligence and to the discussion about the Iranian program, said this is the prevailing view in the intelligence community, but there are also questions about whether Tehran might be hiding specific bomb making operations.

The concern, they said, is about allowing the Iranian program to reach the point where there is enough enriched weapons grade material that a bomb could quickly be assembled, within a year.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday, "Iran, whose leader foments terrorism and violence around the globe and calls for our destruction ... this regime must never be allowed to have nuclear weapons."

Israel officials have said

that with Iran moving its installations underground, Israel's level of bunker-busting capability leaves it with a window of no more than several months to act effectively. The United States, with more powerful bombs, would have a much longer period — but leaders here are loathe to be entirely dependent on U.S. determination on the

issue.

The suspicion in Israel is

that the Iranians have held

off on a decision in order

to deny Israel — and other

countries — the pretext for

an attack, officials said,

noting that to a certain ex-

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All the officials spoke

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Yemen says more than 2,000 killed

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANA, Yemen | More than 2,000 people have been killed in a year of political turmoil that led to the resignation of Yemen's longtime president, the government disclosed Sunday. The figure is much higher than human rights groups estimated.

The government released its first casualty figures on a day when crowds of protesters were marking one year since a particularly bloody day, when dozens were killed.

Yemen's Ministry of Human Rights said the figure of at least 2,000 includes both unarmed protesters and military defectors, as well as more than 120 children. It said 22,000 people were wounded over the past year.

The London-based human rights group Amnesty International estimated earlier this year that 200 protesters had been killed in the uprising.

The government of Ali Abdullah Saleh, who stepped down as president last month after more than three decades

in power, never released casualty figures.

For nearly a year, armed men in plain clothes loyal to Saleh attacked anti-government protesters, while security forces did little to stop them.

Yemenis protested across the country on Sunday to mark the killing of more than 50 protesters last year by snipers loyal to the former regime.

Hundreds of thousands of protesters took to the streets in at least 18 provinces to demand that Saleh be tried for the deaths of protesters killed a year ago on "Friday of Dignity," when snipers fired from rooftops at protesters in Sanaa's Change Square.

As part of an internationally backed deal, Saleh was granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for handing over powers to his vice president.

Saleh's successor, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, decreed on Sunday that families who lost relatives in the uprising would be given a monthly stipend.

The newly appointed prime minister, Salem Mohammed Bassindwa,

visited Sanaa's Change Square on Sunday and prayed at a cemetery where protesters were buried. He told youth demonstrators that he would fulfill the goals of their movement.

He denounced the "blatant attacks on hundreds of thousands of revolutionaries and people exercising their right to demonstrate peacefully." Bassindwa heads a coalition government comprised of ministers from both Saleh's regime and the opposition.

The internal turmoil has led to a collapse of security in many parts of Yemen.

On Sunday, two gunmen dressed in military uniforms on a motorcycle shot dead an American teacher working at a language institute in the central Yemeni city of Taiz, said the region's provincial governor, Hamoud al-Sufi.

Taiz is the second largest city in Yemen and has been a center of anti-government protests.

Al-Sufi did not have details on who the killers might be and said an investigation was in progress.

New wrinkle in pot debate: stoned driving

KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER | Angeline Chilton says she can't drive unless she smokes pot.

The suburban Denver woman says she'd never get behind the wheel right after smoking, but she does use medical marijuana twice a day to ease tremors caused by multiple sclerosis that previously left her homebound.

"I don't drink and drive, and I don't smoke and drive," she said. "But my body is completely saturated with THC."

Her case underscores a problem that no one's sure how to solve: How do you tell if someone is too stoned to drive?

States that allow medical marijuana have grappled with determining impairment levels for years. And voters in Colorado and Washington state will decide this fall whether to legalize the drug for recreational use, bringing a new urgency to the issue.

A Denver marijuana advocate says officials are scrambling for limits in part because more drivers acknowledge using the drug.

"The explosion of medical marijuana patients has led to a lot of drivers sticking the (marijuana) card in law enforcement's face, saying, 'You can't do anything to me, I'm legal,'" said Sean McAllister, a lawyer who defends people charged with driving under the influence of marijuana.

It's not that simple. Driving while impaired by any drug is illegal in all states.

But it highlights the challenges law enforcement officers face using old tools to try to fix a new problem. Most convictions for drugged driving now are based on police observations, followed later by a blood test.

Authorities envision a legal threshold for pot that would be comparable to the blood-alcohol standard used to determine drunken driving.

But unlike alcohol, marijuana stays in the blood long after the high wears off a few hours after use, and there is no quick test to determine someone's level of impairment — not that scientists haven't been working on it.

Dr. Marilyn Huestis of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a government research lab, says that soon there will be a saliva test to detect recent marijuana



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In this photo taken on March 6, 2012, Angeline Chilton a suburban Denver woman with multiple sclerosis who smokes pot twice a day to ease tremors, holds her pipe as she sits on the front porch of her home in Lakewood, Colo. Chilton insists that she never drives high, but she fears that officials will rush to set an unproven blood-level standard that would put her at risk of breaking the law. In Colorado and Washington, the debate over how to tell whether a driver is high is more than academic. The states are struggling to come up with a blood-level standard for marijuana that would be analogous to the blood-alcohol standard used to decide who's driving drunk.

use.

But government officials say that doesn't address the question of impairment.

"I'll be dead — and so will lots of other people — from old age, before we know the impairment levels" for marijuana and other drugs, said White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske.

Authorities recognize the need for a solution.

Marijuana causes dizziness, slowed reaction time

and drivers are more likely to drift and swerve while they're high.

Dr. Bob DuPont, president of the Institute for Behavior and Health, a non-government institute

that works to reduce drug abuse, says research proves

"the terrible carnage out

there on the roads caused by marijuana."

One recent review of

several studies of pot

smoking and car accidents

suggested that driving

after smoking marijuana

might almost double the

risk of being in a serious or

fatal crash.

And a recent nation-

wide census of fatal traf-

fic accidents showed that

while deadly crashes have

declined in recent years,

the percentage of mortally

wounded drivers who later

tested positive for drugs

rose 18 percent between

2005 and 2011.

DuPont, drug czar for

Presidents Richard Nixon

and Gerald Ford, wrote a

paper last year on drugged

driving for the Obama

administration, which has

made the issue a priority.

Physicians say that

while many tests can

show whether someone

has recently used pot, it's

more difficult to pinpoint

impairment at any certain

time.

Urine and blood tests are

better at showing whether

someone used the drug in

the past — which is why

employers and probation

officers use them. But de-

termining current impair-

ment is far trickier.

"There's no sure answer to that question," said Dr. Guohua Li, a Columbia University researcher who reviewed marijuana use and motor vehicle crashes last year.

His survey linked pot use to crash risk, but pointed out wide research gaps.

Scientists do not have con-

clusive data to link mari-

juana dosing to accident

likelihood; whether it mat-

ters if the drug is smoked

or eaten; or how pot inter-

acts with other drugs.

The limited data has

prompted a furious debate.

Proposed solutions in-

clude setting limits on the

amount of the main psy-

choactive chemical in mari-

juana, THC, that drivers

can have in their blood. But

THC limits to determine

impairment are not widely

agreed upon.

Two states place the

standard at 2 nanograms

per milliliter of blood.

Others have zero tolerance

policies. And Colorado

and Washington state are

debating a threshold of 5

nanograms.

Such an attempt failed

the Colorado Legislature

last year, amid opposi-

tion from Republicans and

Democrats. State officials

then set up a task force to

settle the question — and

the panel couldn't agree.

This year, Colorado

lawmakers are debating

a similar measure, but its

sponsors concede they

don't know whether the

"driving while high" bill

will pass.

In Washington state, the

ballot measure on mari-

juana legalization includes

a 5 nanogram THC limit.

The measure's backers

say polling indicates such

a driving limit could be cru-

cial to winning public sup-

port for legalization.

"Voters were very con-

cerned about impaired

driving," said Alison Hol-

comb, campaign director

for Washington's legaliza-

tion measure.

Holcomb also pointed to

a failed marijuana legaliza-

tion proposal in California

two years ago that did not

include a driving THC

limit.

The White House,

which has a goal of reduc-

ing drugged driving by 10

percent in the next three

years, wants states to set a

blood-level standard upon

which to base convictions,

but has not said what that

limit should be.

Administration officials

insist marijuana should

remain illegal, and Ker-

likowske called it a "bogus

argument" to say any legal

level of THC in a driver is</p

Alternate juror disagrees with Rutgers verdict

Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. | An alternate juror in the trial of a former Rutgers University student convicted in a webcam spying episode that ended in his gay roommate's suicide said he disagrees with the verdict.

James Downey told The Record newspaper on Saturday that he wouldn't have voted to convict Dharun Ravi on any charges related to allegations that his actions were motivated by anti-gay bias.

Prosecutors said Ravi set up his webcam in his dorm room and watched Tyler Clementi kissing another man on Sept. 19, 2010, then tweeted about it and excitedly tried to catch Clementi in the act again two days later. A half dozen students were believed to have seen the live video of the kissing; no video was taken the second time.

As an alternate, the Woodbridge Township resident heard all the testimony but did not participate in deliberations. The jury, which returned its verdict Friday, was unanimous in finding Ravi guilty of all 15 charges, including invasion of privacy and anti-gay intimidation.

Ravi wasn't charged with causing or contributing to his roommate's death. Clementi committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge days after his intimate encounter with the other man. The case stirred a national conversation about anti-gay bullying and teen suicide and illustrated the dangers of technology in the hands of people who have grown up with the likes of Twitter and Facebook.

"Whatever (Ravi) did was stupid, but I don't think he ever had any intention of intimidating (Clementi)," Downey said. "I think that scenario could have happened 100 different ways, whether he had a straight roommate who had a girlfriend over ... there are 100 scenarios where he could have been goofing around and turning the camera on and it had nothing to do with somebody being gay."

Downey said he was "kind of up in the air" on the other charges, saying he likely would have voted to convict Ravi on charges of hindering apprehension and tampering with witnesses and evidence.

Downey said he wasn't upset about being named an alternate juror at the



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In this Friday photo, Dharun Ravi, center left, is helped by his father, Ravi Pazhani, right, as they leave court around noon in New Brunswick, N.J. Defense attorney Philip Nettl is at center. An alternate juror in the trial of Ravi, convicted in a webcam spying episode that ended in his gay roommate's suicide, said he disagrees with the verdict, according to The Record newspaper, Saturday.

close of Ravi's trial because deliberating the case would have been difficult.

"The fact that I was picked as an alternate was almost relieving to me, especially considering the verdict they came

back with," he said. "I don't really want to carry that around as far as the responsibility of sending somebody, especially a young man, to prison."

Ravi could face five to 10 years in prison on the

bias intimidation charges alone when he's sentenced May 21 and could be deported to his native India even though he has lived legally in the U.S. since he was little. Several months ago, Ravi and his lawyers

rejected a plea bargain that would have spared him from prison, and prosecutors would have helped him avoid deportation.

Ravi's lawyers have vowed to appeal the verdict.

Group of 4 GOP-appointed justices control health law's fate

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | Here's a thought that can't comfort President Barack Obama: The fate of his health care overhaul rests with four Republican-appointed Supreme Court justices.

His most sweeping domestic achievement could be struck down if they stand together with Justice Clarence Thomas, another GOP appointee who is the likeliest vote against.

But the good news for Obama is that he probably needs only one of the four to side with him to win approval of the law's crucial centerpiece, the requirement that almost everyone in this country has insurance or pays a penalty.

Lawyers with opposing views of the issue uniformly agree that the four Democratic-appointed justices, including Obama's two picks, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, will have no trouble concluding that Congress did not overstep its authority in adopting the insurance requirement that is aimed at sharply reducing the now 50 million people without insurance.

On the other side, Thomas has made clear in several cases that he does not take an expansive view of Congress' powers.

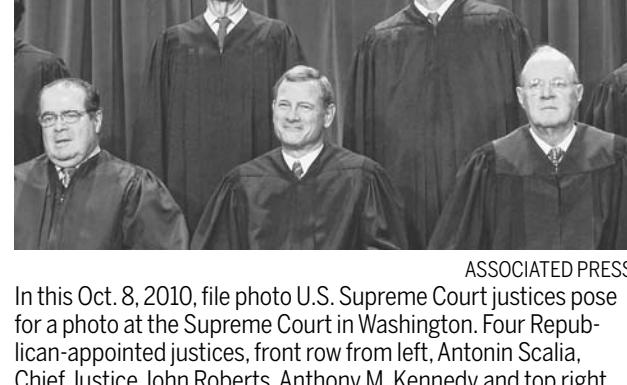
Both the Obama administration and the health care law's challengers believe they can attract the other four Republicans to their side. The group includes Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the two appointees of President George W. Bush who have swung the court to the right in a number of areas; conservative stalwart Antonin Scalia; and the less doctrinaire Anthony Kennedy.

There is no consensus in the legal and academic worlds which way the court will go or even how each of those four justices will vote. The court has set aside six hours over three days, beginning March 26, to hear arguments.

But a legal challenge, once seen as improbable at best, now has everyone's attention, partly because the justices find it weighty enough to devote six hours over three days to hearing the case. That's the most time for any issue in more than 45 years.

"Arguments that once seemed outlandish don't seem quite so outlandish anymore," said University of Michigan law professor Nicholas Bagley, a health law expert who says the law should be upheld.

The fight over the law



"I have no doubt that if the court strikes down the statute, it will be 5-4," Phillips said. "But if the court upholds the statute, it would not shock me if the decision turned out not to be 5-4. I would be somewhat surprised if Justices Thomas and Scalia both did not vote to strike down the law, but I certainly believe that Justice Alito and the chief" could vote to sustain it.

In the view of Phillips and other lawyers, Kennedy is the most likely Republican to vote in favor of the law. He often provides the decisive vote in cases that divide the court by ideology.

But his record in cases

involving Congress' constitutional power to regulate commerce offers both sides some hope.

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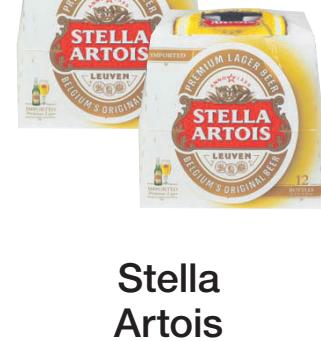
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KABLER'S CHATTER



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Couscous salad is great with a variety of fruits including kiwi.

KIWI: THE BEST KEPT SECRET

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It took me a long time to get up my nerve to buy those little brown, hairy fruit known as the kiwi. I wondered how anything that ugly could possibly be so good. My what I had been missing. This delicious fruit was a best kept secret.

Once I got it peeled and sliced, the taste was delicious. There was a little taste that reminded me of the taste of blackberries but some say it tastes a little like bananas. The texture is smooth and firm. Kiwi fruit is a little sweet, and the flesh inside is green with a white center and several tiny seeds which you do eat. You eat everything but the hairy brown peeling.

Kiwi was named for the bird kiwi which is native to New Zealand. It contains as much potassium as a banana. It is also rich in Vitamin A and E. Often the seeds are crushed to make fruit oil. The oil is a good source of Omega 3, which is an essential fatty acid. The kiwi fruit is a great antioxidant which is essential to maintaining good health. There are approximately 45 calories in each fruit.

Research studies have found

that kiwi improves asthma in children and reduces probability of colon cancer in adults. It is a great source of fiber.

The kiwi made its first appearance in Southern China and was called Yang Tao which means sunny peaches. The Chinese still consider the kiwi as the national fruit. It was first grown in northern China's Yangtze River area.

The western world did not have kiwi until the beginning of the 21st century. The first seed was planted in 1906 and the first harvest was 1910. In 1970, California kiwi was harvested.

Kiwi vines or shrubs may reach 25-30 feet in height and have leaves which are round or oval shaped. Leaves maybe 3-5 inches in length, are dark green and hairless on top and downy white underneath.

The blossoms are very fragrant and have five-six petals which turn yellow. A normal kiwi is oblong and about 2.5 inches. It weighs about 4 ounces.

The kiwi plants are hardy in zones 7-9 and need to be wrapped the first few years during cool weather. They grow well where citrus fruit and peaches flourish. They like well drained soil and they need 240 days frost free to grow.

A female must be cross pollinated with a male plant. One male can pollinate up to eight females.

The kiwi plant looks like a climbing vine and is attractive on a fence or trellis. They are available in November through May and are a great snack or great in a fruit salad or dessert tart.

KIWI ICE CREAM

6 ripe kiwi fruits
2 tablespoons of sugar
2 large eggs
1 cup of sugar
2 cups of heavy cream

Peel the kiwi and mash them in a bowl until pureed. Stir in two tablespoons of sugar and cover and refrigerate one hour.

Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, 1-2 minutes. Whisk in 1 cup of sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended. Blend about 1 more minute. Pour in the cream and whisk to blend. Stir in the kiwi.

Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and follow the directions for the machine.

See KIWI, B2



PROVIDED

Kiwi Lemonade

COUPON QUEEN

Catalina Coupons rule!

For the past few weeks, we've been reviewing coupon basics and revisiting topics that I receive a lot of emails about. This week, we're talking Catalina coupons. But what is a Catalina coupon?

At many supermarkets and drugstores, you've probably noticed the small machine that prints coupons when you make a purchase. Years ago, as legend has it, coupon shoppers nicknamed these check-out coupons "Catalinas," after the name on the machine.

Catalina coupons generate a lot of reader email. Listen in.

DEAR MIRANDA AND KEALY: Several different types of Catalinas can pop out of the machine at checkout time. For example, you might get a manufacturer or store coupon for a specific product. These coupons are triggered by your purchase history. If you buy pet treats, you could receive coupons for pet food and other pet-related products. If you buy diapers, you'll likely see more coupons for baby products printing at the register. You may also notice higher-than-average dollar values on your Catalina coupons. Because these offers are targeted to specific shoppers' purchase histories, manufacturers may offer a larger incentive to try their products.

Other types of Catalina coupons you might see are the payback offers Kealy asked about. These Catalinas are generated by the purchase of a specific number of items featured in a store's promotion. For example, if you buy four boxes of granola bars that are

that work? One of my friends says she gets paid to shop with Catalinas and I want to do that, too. — Kealy P.

on promotion, it may generate a Catalina good for \$2 on your next shopping trip.

When you receive this coupon, you can use it on whatever you'd like.

These payback offers from Catalina are called "Your-Bucks" coupons, because they do, indeed, pay you to shop. These are some of my favorite promotions. If I'm buying products that I like and need anyway, getting money back for my next shopping trip is a welcome bonus.

Other types of Catalina payback promotions can be specific to the store. One of my local supermarkets often runs a sale advertised as a "Spend \$25, Get \$10" promotion. Buying \$25 worth of featured products will generate a \$10 Catalina coupon for your next trip to the store. I really enjoy these sales because the payback is high, and you can often add manufacturer coupons to further reduce the price of the items you're buying.

See COUPONS, B2

JILL CATALDO



Jill Cataldo

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DEAR JILL: Where can I find good Catalina coupons? Sometimes I go shopping and don't get any, and other times I get really great ones, like one good for \$2 off cat food. I also got one for \$4 off the vitamins I use. — Miranda L.

DEAR JILL: I know there are some Catalina deals where you can get money for your next shopping trip. How does

THE AMISH COOK

My beef with the meat slicer; other meaty issues

LOVINA EICHER

This past week has been a very busy week with cutting up the beef. I am so glad that this job is done for another year. My hands still feel stiff and sore from all the cutting and slicing.

We bought a meat slicer at an auction but it didn't work very well on slicing steaks. I ended up slicing a lot of the steaks with a knife and ended up putting a lot of whole steaks in the freezer. I think the slicer will work OK for ham or cheese but it is just not made to slice steaks.

Joe borrowed a meat saw to cut the t-bone steaks. He always likes to cook those out on the grill. A lot of hard work goes into cutting up a beef. The hamburger has to be cut into pieces to fit through the grinder. The beef chunks have to be all cut into little chunks. The bones have to be trimmed good to get all the meat off that we can. The bones with the most meat on we don't trim. I put those in

the freezer and will put those into the pressure cooker one day. I will make beef stew with it then. This week will we will wash all the canned hamburger and beef chuck jars and carry them to the canning shelf in the basement.

We still have enough room in the freezer if we want to butcher a hog yet. It has warmed up so much, though, that the weather may make it impossible to do that. Our family always looks forward to the Pon Hoss we usually make on hog-butcher day.

Yesterday my husband Joe was unable to go to church due to being sick. He is very congested and has a bad head cold like I had a week before. Sure makes a person feel miserable.

Some of the children and I went to church which was a few miles from here. Daughters Elizabeth and Susan attended church in another neighboring church district.

See BEEF, B2

KIWI

FROM B1

CHICKEN BREAST WITH KIWI FRUIT

4 cups of chicken broth
1 3/4 lbs. of whole chicken breasts
1 stalk of celery, chopped
1 leek, white part only, chopped
4 kiwi fruit, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch slices
1 orange, washed and dried
1 lemon
1 tablespoon of butter
1 tablespoon of sugar
1/8 teaspoon of salt
1/8 teaspoon of cayenne pepper

Bring chicken broth to a boil in a large saucepan. Add chicken and simmer 10 minutes, skimming off any scum that rises to the top. Add celery and leek and simmer an additional 10 minutes. Remove the chicken from broth and keep warm. Broth may be strained and reserved for another use.

Arrange kiwi fruit in a fan shaped pattern on a serving dish.

Zest the rind of half of the orange with a grater and sprinkle zest over the kiwi.

Juice the orange and lemon into a small bowl. Heat butter in a small saucepan and add sugar. Stir until sugar is melted and begins to caramelize and turns dark. This takes about five minutes. Add orange and lemon juices, stirring until incorporated. Boil until the sauce is reduced to about two tablespoons. Stir in salt and cayenne pepper.

Remove the chicken breast from the bone, discard the skin, and slice into thin strips. Place chicken strips on top of the kiwi and top with sauce to serve.

CALIFORNIA KIWI FRUIT SALAD

2 kiwi, peeled and sliced
2 bananas, sliced and dipped in lemon juice
1 papaya, peeled, seeded and cut into chunks
Honey lime dressing
Combine kiwi, bananas, papaya and gently toss. Make dressing and drizzle over the fruits.

Dressing: 2 tablespoons of oil, 1 tablespoon of honey and lime juice, 1/8 teaspoon of grated lime peel and 1/8 teaspoon of paprika, and a dash

of salt.

BUFFALO WINGS WITH KIWI DIPPING SAUCE

Glaze:
2 1/2 lbs. of chicken wings
1/2 cup of green jalapeno pepper jelly
2 tablespoons of brown sugar
1 large clove of garlic, minced
1 kiwi fruit peeled and mashed with a fork
Dipping Sauce:
4 tablespoons of red bell pepper, finely chopped
1/4 medium onion, chopped
4 tomatillos, husks removed and chopped
Dash of salt
4 tablespoons of green jalapeno pepper jelly
2 tablespoons of fresh chopped cilantro leaves
1/2 of a jalapeno pepper, chopped and seeds removed
4 tablespoons of brown sugar
3 kiwi fruit, peeled and finely chopped then mashed

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Clean the wings and cut into three segments at the joints. Reserve the two meatier portions for this recipe and discard wing tips. Mix 1/2 cup of the jalapeno jelly, garlic, brown sugar and three mashed kiwi fruit until smooth. Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil. Place the wings on the foil and bake for 30 minutes or until they begin to brown. Remove from oven and baste with glaze. Turn wings over and baste and put back in the oven for 10 more minutes. While wings are baking, make the dipping sauce.

To make the dipping sauce, put all ingredients, except the kiwi, in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the mashed kiwi and serve with cooked wings.

BRIE CHEESE WITH KIWI AND CRANBERRY MARMALADE

1/2 cup of dried cranberries
3 tablespoons of dark brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon of minced fresh ginger root
1/4 teaspoon of dry mustard
2 kiwifruit, peeled, sliced and quartered
1 wheel of brie (about 1 lb.)
2 tablespoons of raisins
1/8 teaspoon of ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon of allspice,

ground

1/4 cup plus two tablespoons of water
2 tablespoons of pecan pieces

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the cranberries, raisins, brown sugar, cloves, ginger, allspice, mustard, and water in a saucepan. Cook gently over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until the cranberries swell and liquid thickens into a jam like consistency, about 8-10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool completely. When cool, stir in the chopped pecan pieces.

Place brie on a parchment lined cookie sheet and spread the cooled marmalade evenly over the top of the brie. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until the brie round swells. Remove from the oven and gently slide the brie onto a cheese board or plate. Top with the cranberry marmalade with chopped kiwi. Serve with crackers.

FRUIT SALAD

2 bananas sliced, slices dipped in lemon
1 apple chopped
1 cup of sliced strawberries
1 cup of grape halves
1 cup of mandarin orange, drained

1 cup of pineapple chunks, drained
1 cup of coconut
1/2 cup of rough chopped nuts
4 kiwi sliced and cut in half
Dressing

Prepare fruit and place in a big bowl. Make dressing and lightly toss. Save a few slices of kiwi for the top. Refrigerate and serve after four hours. This can be made the day ahead; just add bananas right before serving.

Dressing:
1 cup of sour cream, three tablespoons of powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon of vanilla and 1 tablespoon of Miracle Whip. Mix and pour over salad and lightly toss.

KIWI SALSA

4 kiwi fruit, peeled and diced
2 medium tangerines or one orange, peeled and diced
1 cup of peeled and diced jicama
1/2 cup of diced sweet red or yellow pepper
1 tablespoon of chopped fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon of lime juice
1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
1/2 jalapeno pepper, minced, seeds removed and veins removed
1/4 teaspoon of salt

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients, mixing well. Chill briefly. Makes about 2 1/2 cups. Serve as a dip with tortilla chips, toasted pita bread triangles, or warm tortillas. This is also good over

Cook couscous according to the package directions. Set aside to cool.

Mix the dried cranberries with one cup of water and microwave one minute. Let set another 10 minutes.

Drain.

Mix orange juice and olive oil.

When the couscous is cooled, mix everything together. Toss with olive oil – orange mixture.

Refrigerate or serve at room temperature.

swordfish steaks and baked halibut, chicken or pork tenderloin.

KIWI MUFFINS

3/4 cup of all-purpose flour
1/2 cup of whole wheat flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
3 teaspoons of baking powder
1/2 cup of sugar
1/2 cup of vegetable oil
2 eggs
1/2 cup of milk
1/2 cup of kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line muffin tins with paper lining or grease tin muffin pans.

In a medium bowl, whisk together white flour, whole wheat flour, cornmeal, baking powder, and sugar until combined. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat together oil, eggs and milk, then stir in the kiwi.

Add dry ingredients to mixture and stir by hand until just combined.

Spoon into muffin pans, filling them 3/4 full. Bake for 20 minutes or until done in the centers.

KIWI LEMONADE

1 1/2 quarts of homemade lemonade
4 kiwi, peeled and diced

In a food processor or blender, puree the kiwi and then add it to the pitcher of lemonade. You can also add one pint of melted vanilla ice cream for punch.

FRUIT SALAD WITH KIWI AND COUSCOUS

1 1/3 cup of cooked and cooled Couscous
2 cups of sliced kiwi, cut slices in half

2/3 cup of slivered toasted almonds

1/2 cup of dried apricots, chopped

1 cup of dried cranberries

3 small scallions, thinly sliced and use some of the green

Pinch of salt

Pinch of pepper

2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons of orange juice

Cook couscous according to the package directions. Set aside to cool.

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Drain.

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DATEBOOK**TODAY**

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Bridget Lykins, Health Department, tips for healthy eating, Nutrition Program, meals served 11:45 a.m.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH — Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, 11:30 a.m., parade on south main street and ending at the community park.

LUG NUTZ HOT ROD CLUB — 6 p.m., LaBamba's Restaurant, Tucker Drive, Maysville.

ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB — 6:30 p.m., at Orangeburg Community Center.

TRI COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

— 7 p.m., deSha's Restaurant.

LEWIS COUNTY VETERANS

— Field Representatives will be at the Justice Center from 9 a.m.-noon. For further information call KY 1-866-244-8970.

ROBERTSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — 6:30 p.m., board office.

ROBERTSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY — 7 p.m., Mount Olivet Senior Citizen Building. Bring for Show and Tell, any historical item.

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — 6 p.m., Mason County Intermediate School.

TUESDAY

MAYSVILLE ROTARY CLUB — Kay Miller, speaker, Goal Directed Dogs, and lunch at 11:45 a.m.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Meals served 11:45 a.m.

MURPHYSVILLE HOME-MAKERS — 6 p.m., Mason County Extension Office. Leticia Prather and Gladys Green hostesses.

ORANGEBURG COMMUNITY CHOIR — Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Orangeburg Christian Church.

MCTC PHARMACY TECHNICIAN — Maysville Campus, 6-9 p.m., March 20 — May 3.

WEDNESDAY

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Robin Daulton,

Morehead State University, Senior Medicare Patrol Program. Meals served at 11:45 a.m.

CHARTER OAK CEMETERY — All Fall and Christmas flowers need to be removed by today for mowing.

BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES — Ethics Committee and board meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Lake Manor Restaurant, 13143 US 68, Mount Orab.

THURSDAY

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Meals served at 11:45 a.m.

FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Computer Class on Facebook Basics, 2 p.m.

WORKER'S COMP SAFETY MEETING — 9-11 a.m., Rhomus Hall, Georgetown, Ohio, for Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties.

ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT — Immunization Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Special bingo.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH — Parade, Ripley, Ohio at 3:30 p.m., Main Street and ending at the library.

ARTISAN SHOWCASE — Sponsored by Vanceburg Lions, 4-8 p.m., at 1108 Fairland Drive, Vanceburg. Local artisans showing and selling their work.

SATURDAY

ARTISAN SHOWCASE — Sponsored by Vanceburg Lions, 4-8 p.m., at 1108 Fairland Drive, Vanceburg. Local artisans showing and selling their work.

FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC WOMAN'S CLUB — 11:30 a.m., Blue Licks Battleground State Resort Park.

LEWISBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — Pancake Breakfast, 1-11 a.m., \$4 all you can eat. Carry outs available.

COUPONS

FROM B1

You might also receive a printout from the Catalina machine that isn't a coupon at all, such as a notice for an upcoming sale or Catalina promotion. It's worth holding onto these "buy and save" alerts to remind you of upcoming sales. The printed alerts typically contain the names and varieties of products included in the YourBucks offer, the quantities you need to buy to receive the Catalina reward at checkout and the

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FROM B1

Our afternoon visitors were Jacob, Emma

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and family and Joe's sister Carol, Pete and family and Joe's brother Junior. The girls popped popcorn for everyone. After our visitors left we made mashed potatoes, fried fresh steaks, steak gravy, along with cheese, homemade bread and cinnamon rolls for our supper. Steak gravy is made from the drippings used from frying the steaks.

The gravy has kind of a steak flavor.

Friday and Saturday the youth gave a program at the community building.

They do one every year to raise funds for the building and also help a few families

with their hospital expenses. With Joe not feeling well we were unable to go.

The children were excited when our good friends Jim and Ruth offered to take them. Sounds like they all

enjoyed the program. The youth will give the same

program again this Friday and Saturday. Our plans are to attend one night if everyone is OK. Sounds like the building was really

filled with people on Saturday evening. The youth

spent hours practicing for this and are doing it for a

good cause.

We are putting off doing our laundry today. Sounds like we might have some nice sunny days this week so we can dry the clothes outdoors.

I will share with you a

recipe of my mother's.

These are the cinnamon

rolls she would always

make.

Although I have tried

ADVICE

Playwright celebrated in public gets scant applause at home

DEAR ABBY: I am an amateur playwright. Our local theater sponsors an annual playwriting contest. The prize isn't monetarily, but something far more important to an author — a full-scale production of the play.

I have won this prize four times — more than any other writer in the history of the contest. But is my family impressed? Not at all! My wife told me she thinks I write everything the same way and have simply repeated myself four times. Her put-downs are deeply hurtful.

I am up in years. It's unlikely I will ever again win this prize. So how do I respond to such indifference? What do you do when you feel you have accomplished something important and the response is, "So, what else is new?" — **LOOKING FOR VALIDATION IN FLORIDA**

DEAR LOOKING FOR VALIDATION: My hat's off to you. That you have won this prize more than any other writer in the history of the contest is a notable achievement, and one that's not likely to be matched for a long time — if ever. Attend the production, take your well-earned bow in the spotlight, and accept that the less you look to your wife for validation, the happier your life will be.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my fiancee, "Jayne," reconnected with her childhood friend through Facebook.

"Christine" is gay, unattached and very attractive. She has a great personality, and everyone who meets her seems to be attracted to her. Jayne and Christine have had overnights together. I have asked my fiancee if Christine has ever made advances toward her and she said no. I want to believe her, but part of me is wary.

They are now planning to go on a trip for a few days to an island. Jayne says she loves me and



DEAR ABBY

that I have nothing to be jealous about. Am I being naive? What should I do?

— LEFT BEHIND IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LEFT BEHIND: Believe it or not, gay people are capable of platonic friendships with members of the same sex, just as straight people can have platonic relationships with people of the opposite sex. The bottom line question is, do you trust your fiancee? If the answer is you're not sure, then you should rethink the engagement.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has systematically taken over my parents' lives for the past 20 years. He uses his depression and agoraphobia as an excuse not to lead his own life. He lives on government disability payments, and the majority of his support comes from my parents, whom he lives with and mooches off of. He doesn't help them around the house or contribute in any way. He refuses to get treatment for his disorders.

How can I help my parents finally be free of him? They are fast approaching 70 years old. Talking to my brother is useless, as he becomes extremely hostile and threatens to kill himself. My parents deserve some rest at their age. — **ANONYMOUS IN NEW YORK**

DEAR ANONYMOUS:

At the rate they're going, your parents may not get the rest they deserve until they're in the great beyond. Unless they are willing to take a stand and make living with them conditional upon your brother getting counseling and medication for his mental illness, nothing will change.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



BENNETT SPEAKS ON KENYA: Kirby Bennett spoke at the Scott United Methodist Church on March 15 about his mission trip to Kenya. This was his second trip and he worked with others on a water plant for a community in Kenya. They also visited a school and others worked with the men in the community on how to teach about God and the Bible.

PROVIDED

World chili cookoff returning to West Virginia

JOHN RABY
Associated Press

CHARLESTON | The planet's top chili makers will be returning to West Virginia this fall. And for the first time, the International Chili Society's annual world championship cookoff will have a "homestyle" category without restrictions on ingredients.

The San Juan Capistrano, Calif.-based nonprofit group announced Thursday that more than 400 cooks are expected to compete Oct. 5-7 on Magic Island, a park on Charleston's west side along the Kanawha River.

Charleston hosted the competition in 2009, the first time the ICS held its championship east of the Mississippi River — traditionally it's been held in California or Nevada. It was contested in Manchester, N.H., the past two years.

The world championships involve red and green chili categories, along with salsa. Competitors must first win a regional title from among dozens held around the United States and Canada. A "last chance" cookoff also will give competitors who have yet to qualify one final try to enter the event.

This year's competition will introduce a "homestyle" category that in-

cludes a cook's favorite combination of ingredients. There are no restrictions or requirements, as long as the entry is homemade and has a chili pepper flavor. Garnishes will be allowed.

The goal of the category is to welcome a new breed of chili connoisseurs.

"Competition chili does not have beans, and we've been turning people away for 46 years," said Carol Hancock, owner and CEO of the ICS. "Our homestyle category will be the cook's discretion."

Doug Wilkey, a Shoreline, Wash., dentist whose version of traditional red chili won the 2005 world title, welcomed the homestyle category's addition and the potential for new competitors.

"I think it's fine, especially for West Virginia," said Wilkey, who attended the 2009 event in Charleston. "There's a lot of people that like to cook chili back there, and they like to have a ball doing it."

Cars and chili may not seem a great mix at first. But city leaders are banking on that concept, scheduling the chili cookoff at the same time an annual cus-

tom car show is being held just down the block. Last year's Rod Run & Doo Wop brought in 960 cars — and thousands of tourists — from the eastern United States.

"Our city will be the place to be in this part of the country," said Charleston Mayor Danny Jones.

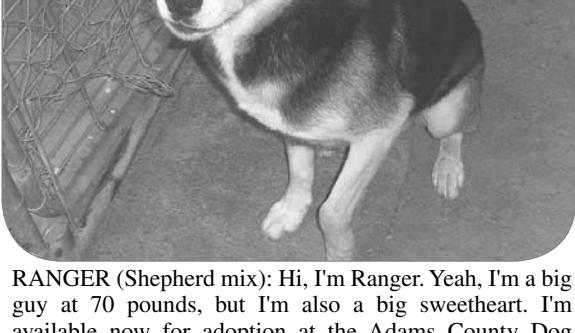
It took four decades for the world championships to head east due to concerns over fickle weather, and Mother Nature played a big part in the 2009 cookoff. Severe storms damped

spirits on the first day in Charleston. And the weather was sour in New Hampshire, too, Hancock said.

But she liked the way Charleston organizers handled the 2009 event. The city beat out other potential suitors from California, Florida, Kansas and Nevada. She wouldn't identify the cities.

In 2009, the typical competitor "hadn't been to West Virginia and this part of the country. They had a great time," Hancock said.

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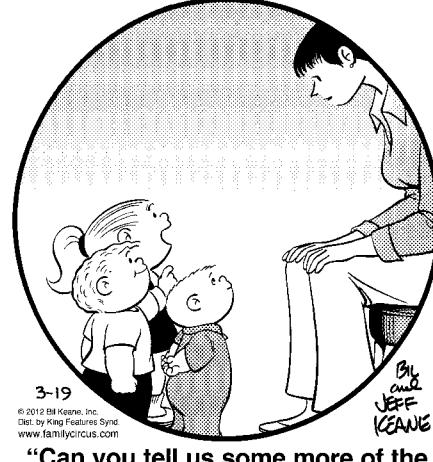
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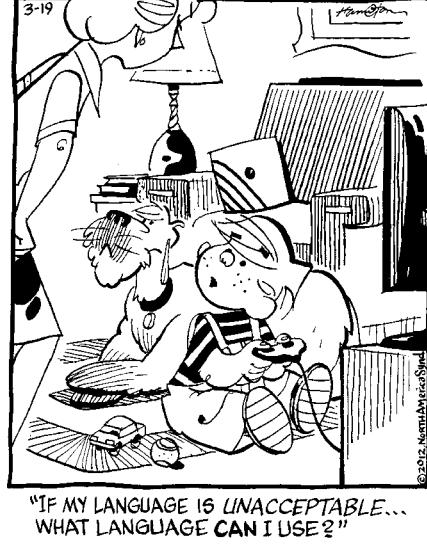
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FAMILY CIRCUS
by Bil Keane

"Can you tell us some more of the things we did when we were small and cute?"

DENNIS THE MENACE
by Hank Ketcham

"IF MY LANGUAGE IS UNACCEPTABLE... WHAT LANGUAGE CAN I USE?"

DUSTIN by Jeff Parker and Steve Kelley



CARSON AMES ASKED OUT HEATHER ANDREWS. WELL, SHE CAN HAVE HIM!

BROKEN HEART?

YEAH... I GUESS.

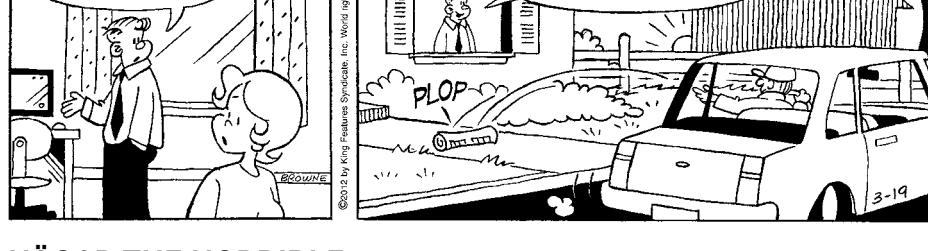
WELL, SWEETHEART, THE BEST WAY TO GET OVER A GUY IS TO MOVE ON.

AND THE BEST WAY TO MOVE ON IS WITH NEW SHOES ON YOUR FEET.

KELLY PARKER

MEGA SHOE Sale

HI AND LOIS by Brian and Greg Walker



HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



WHEN WILL YOU LOOK AT IT?!

IF YOU USE THAT TONE OF VOICE, IT MIGHT BE NEXT WINTER!

I GUESS WE COULD PLUNDER ON THE MAINLAND FOR A FEW MONTHS

3-19

PICKLES by Brian Crane



MAYBE IT'S TIME I TRIED EXPERIMENTING IN NON-TRADITIONAL ART. YOU CAN DO ANYTHING THESE DAYS AND CALL IT ART.



I CALL IT "STILL LIFE WITHOUT A LIFE."

JUMP START by Robb Armstrong



Tommi, No!

NO! no! no! NO! NO!

I want my old job back... it's rough out there, brudda!

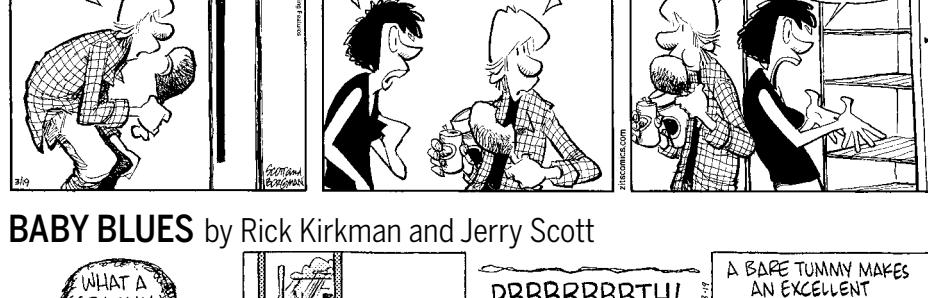
GET FUZZY by Darby Conley



AND I PROCLAIM JACK RABBITY A STUPID BABY TOY.

BUCKY... I SNUGGLED WITH JACK RABBITY. JACK RABBITY WAS A FRIEND OF MINE. BUCKY, YOU'RE NO JACK RABBITY.

ZITS by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



A NOISE? WHAT KIND OF NOISE?

WELL, IT'S NOT REALLY A NOISE, I GUESS...

...IT'S MORE OF AN ECHO.

I JUST WENT SHOPPING YESTERDAY!

BABY BLUES by Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



PBBBBBBBTH!

HEE! HEE! HEE! SQUEAL!

A BARE TUMMY MAKES AN EXCELLENT ANTIDEPRESSANT.

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

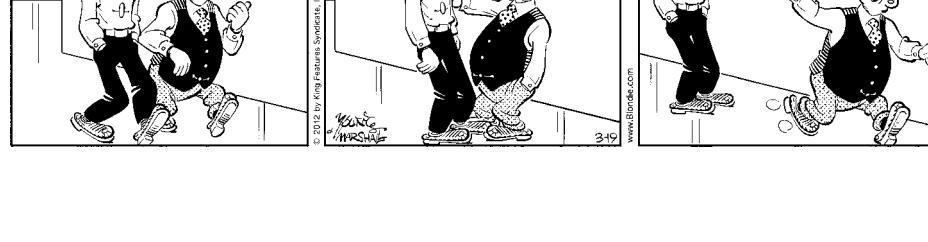


HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO HAVE YOUR DESK PAINTED?

1 8 6 7

8 5 3 6 2

BLONDIE by Dean Young and Stan Drake



THAT'S GREAT, BOSS! SO CORA'S HAPPY, THEN?

HAPPY AS A QUEEN BEE IN A BEEHIVE!

SO HOW MUCH LONGER WILL SHE BE ON HER CRUISE?

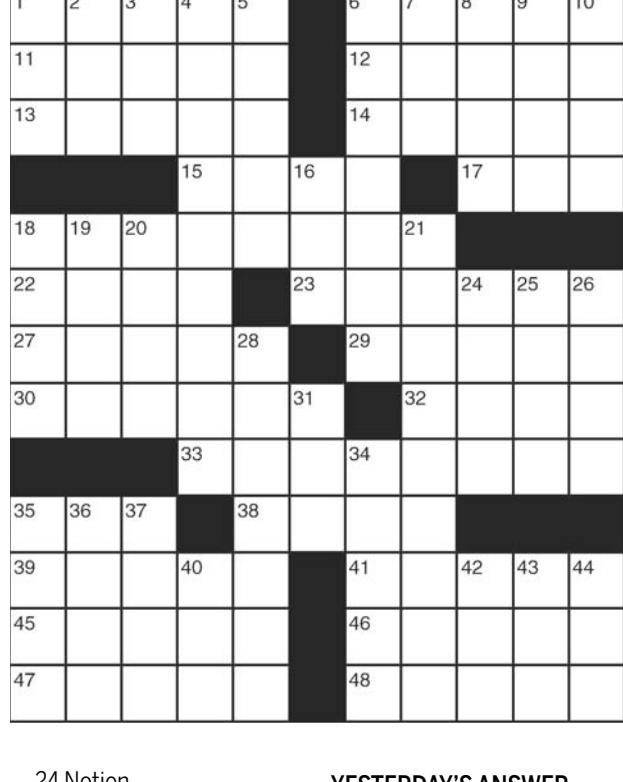
ONE MORE WEEK

3-19

CROSSWORD by Thomas Joseph

ACROSS

1 Perch
6 Pharmacy stock
11 Boise's state
12 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
13 "Understand?"
14 Plain silly
15 Mowing site
17 Checkers side
18 Kitchen pans
22 Leslie Caron movie
23 Mocking writing
27 Track legend Jesse
29 Kind of pool
30 Sandra Dee role
32 Floral rings
33 Mike Hammer's creator
35 Sleep site
38 Blue hue
39 Oxygen variety
41 Some evergreens
45 Lake swimmer
46 Burning
47 Hinds' mates
48 Horse's cousin
DOWN
1 Equip
2 Poem of praise
3 Bran bit
4 Old British coins
5 Add up
6 Indicate
7 Hostel
8 Shakespearean king
9 Road division
10 Downhill glider
16 Director Craven
18 Move with effort
19 New Zealand bird
20 " — Three Lives"
21 Painting of fruit, e.g.



YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



BRIDGE by Steve Becker

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ 4 3 2

♦ 3 2

♦ 9 8 7 6 5

♦ 4 3 2

WEST

EAST

♦ A K Q 10 8 6

♦ —

♦ 10 8 6 4

♦ A K Q

♦ —

♦ A K Q 10 3

♦ A K Q

SOUTH

♦ J 9 7 5

♦ J 9 7 5

♦ 4

♦ J 9 7 5

The bidding:

East South West North

2 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

4 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

7 ♦ Pass

This is a favorite story of

George B. Coffin, for many years a well-known author and publisher. The bidding went as shown, but after East bid seven diamonds, West quickly passed, not waiting

for South to bid. Not only that, but East-West then improperly exchanged hands, a common practice in some games.

South, a stickler for the rules named John Lawman, who by nature was inclined to exact his pound of flesh when an irregularity occurred, now said: "Just a second, please. I haven't passed. In fact, I'll bid seven notrump!" West doubled, and, after two passes, South redoubled! West then led the king of spades.

"Just a second," said South again. "Both of your hands are exposed because you've seen each other's cards, and I'm entitled to call your plays in any way I see fit."

So Mr. Lawman directed West to lead the ten of spades instead. He took the ten with the jack, continued with the nine, calling for West's eight,

then cashed the seven of spades, calling for West's six.

As the spades were being led, declarer forced East to discard the A-K-Q of clubs! Mr. Lawman then cashed the J-9-7 of clubs, compelling West to play the 10-8-6 in that order, and East to discard the A-K-Q of hearts.

The same process was then repeated in hearts, declarer cashing the J-9-7 of that suit. On the hearts, East, who at this point was nearing a state of apoplexy, was forced to discard the A-K-Q of diamonds.

Mr. Lawman next cashed his heart and club fives, collecting East's J-10 of diamonds. Dummy's 9-8 of diamonds then scored the last two tricks to make the redoubled grand slam!

Tomorrow: A drop in the bucket.

HOROSCOPE by Frances Drake

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Enjoy your month ahead, because it's your turn to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You can count on favorable circumstances and all kinds of people coming your way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

In the next few weeks, you will want to work alone or behind the scenes. It also might be wise to make plans for your new year (birthday to birthday).

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A popular month ahead awaits you! Accept all invitations and enjoy the company of others. Join clubs, groups and associations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

With the Sun at high noon in your chart, the eyes of authority figures really notice you. Fortunately, you look great to them. (Milk this.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Try to travel anywhere if you can, because you want to expand your horizons during the next six weeks. Any kind of study will appeal to you. You want adventure!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Focus on finishing things with inheritances, insurance matters, taxes and shared property. The next few weeks are the perfect time to address these red-tape issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You're going to need more sleep in the month ahead, because the Sun is now as far away from your sign as it gets all year. Respect your need for this. Try taking naps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You might be surprised by your strong desire to get better organized in the next few weeks. Since you have this urge, why not get as much done as possible?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Take time to enjoy sports events, playful times with children, the theater and movies, and

vacations during the next month. Basically, you want to have fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Family discussions, especially with parents, will be significant during the next six weeks. Focus on your domestic, private life. Tackle old repairs and fix what is broken.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Your daily tempo will accelerate during the next month. Just accept this and go with the flow. Expect short trips, increased reading and writing, and many errands.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Your attention now turns to cash flow and earnings in the month ahead. You want to boost your earnings because some of you are contemplating major purchases.

YOU BORN TODAY

You're ambitious and hardworking, which is why you achieve your goals. You're focused and maintain a busy pace because you set high standards of excellence for yourself. Many of you have an appealing purity that is childlike, which ironically, hides your forceful character.

CRYPTOGRAM

by Bob Johnson and Mary Margolies

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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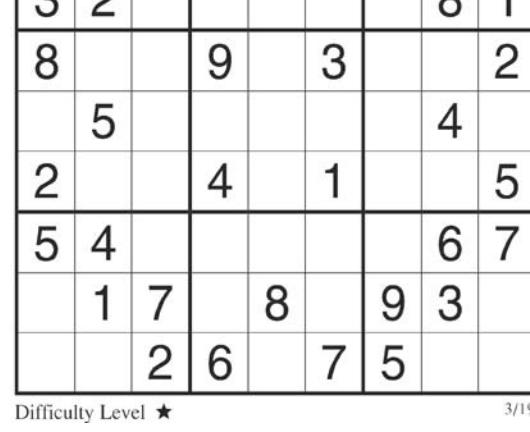
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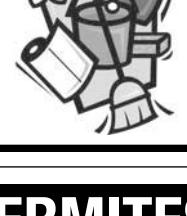
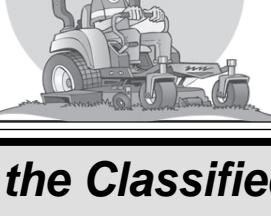
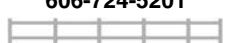
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• Sunday 10:00AM - Sunday Morning Serenity Group, 829 E. Walnut Street, West Union, OH

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• Monday 6:30PM - 8-Up Group Hunter House, Episcopal Church

• Wednesday 12:00PM - Luncheon Serenity Presbyterian Church, 3rd and Stanley Reed Court, Maysville, KY

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• Thursday 7:00PM - New Beginnings Group, Hunter House, Episcopal Church

• Friday 8:00PM Road To Recovery, Episcopal Church, Corner of Third & Limehouse, Maysville, KY

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6PM New Beginnings, 101 3rd St., Vanceburg, KY

8PM Spiritual Solutions Group Hunter House, Episcopal Church.

• Tuesday 6PM New Beginnings, 101 3rd St., Vanceburg, KY

7PM 2343 Bypass, Flemingsburg, KY.

7PM Living In Reality Group, basement of First Presbyterian Church, Stanley Reed Court, Maysville, KY

7PM How and Why Group, Bracken Co. Public Library, Brooksville, KY

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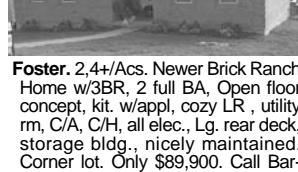


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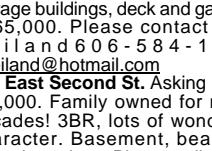
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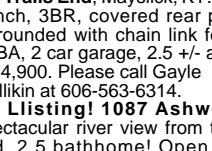
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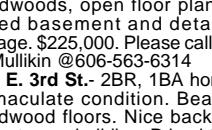
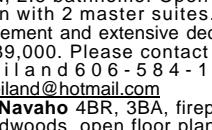
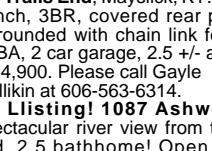
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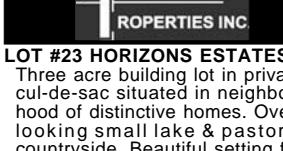
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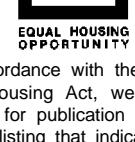
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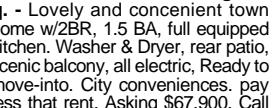
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